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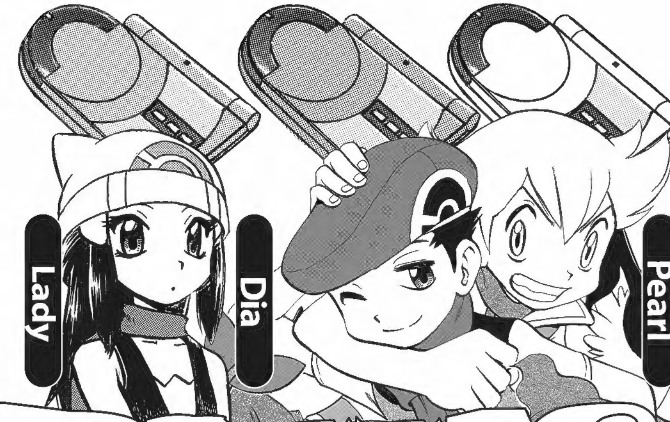


Story

Hidenori Kusaka

Our Story So Far...

A STORY ABOUT YOUNG PEOPLE ENTRUSTED WITH POKÉDEXES BY THE WORLD'S LEADING POKÉMON RESEARCHERS. TOGETHER WITH THEIR POKÉMON, THEY TRAVEL, BATTLE, AND EVOLVE!



SOME PLACE IN SOME TIME... THE DAY HAS COME FOR A YOUNG LADY, THE ONLY DAUGHTER OF THE BERLITZ FAMILY, THE WEALTHIEST IN THE SINNOH REGION, TO EMBARK ON A JOURNEY. IN ORDER TO MAKE A SPECIAL EMBLEM BEARING HER FAMILY CREST, SHE MUST PERSONALLY FIND AND GATHER THE MATERIALS AT THE PEAK OF MT. CORONET. SHE SETS OUT ON HER JOURNEY WITH THE INTENTION OF MEETING UP WITH TWO BODYGUARDS ASSIGNED TO ESCORT HER.

MEANWHILE, POKÉMON TRAINERS PEARL AND DIAMOND, WHO DREAM OF BECOMING STAND-UP COMEDIANS, ENTER A COMEDY CONTEST IN JUBILIFE AND WIN THE SPECIAL MERIT AWARD. BUT THEIR PRIZE OF AN ALL-EXPENSES PAID TRIP GETS SWITCHED WITH THE CONTRACT FOR LADY'S BODYGUARDS!

THUS PEARL AND DIAMOND THINK LADY IS THEIR TOUR GUIDE, AND LADY THINKS THEY ARE HER BODYGUARDS! DESPITE THE CASES OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY, THE TRIO TRAVEL TOGETHER QUITE HAPPILY THROUGH THE VAST COUNTRYSIDE.

THE TWO BODYGUARDS TASKED WITH ESCORTING LADY SET OUT TO CATCH UP WITH DIA, PEARL AND LADY. BUT THEY LOSE THEIR TRAIL WHEN THEY GET MIXED UP IN THE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES OF MYSTERIOUS TEAM GALACTIC, WHO ARE BUSILY CREATING TROUBLE IN THE SINNOH REGION. DIA AND PEARL FINALLY REVEAL TO LADY THAT THEY ARE NOT HER REAL BODYGUARDS, AND ALTHOUGH IT SHAKES HER UP FOR A MOMENT, LADY RESOLVES TO STICK WITH HER FRIENDS AND TRUST THEM AGAIN.

WHEN CYRUS PERFORMS HIS RITUAL AT SPEAR PILLAR, THE TWO POKÉMON OF THE SINNOH LEGEND, DIALGA AND PALKIA, APPEAR! USING THE POWER OF THE "RED CHAIN," CYRUS ORDERS THE TWO POKÉMON TO BEGIN AN EPIC BATTLE! THIS BATTLE CAUSES TIME AND SPACE TO BE DISTORTED. THE MOMENT FOR A FINAL BATTLE TO SAVE THE WORLD HAS ARRIVED, BUT THE GYM LEADERS HAVE ALL BEEN DEFEATED! WILL PEARL, DIA AND PLATINUM BE ABLE TO STOP THIS CATASTROPHE...?!

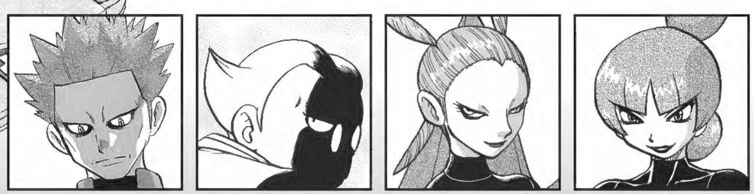


Saturn
HE IS IN CHARGE OF THE BOMB AND RARELY STEPS ONTO THE BATTLEFIELD HIMSELF.

Mars
A TEAM GALACTIC LEADER. HER PERSONALITY IS HARD TO PIN DOWN.

Volkner
SUNYSHORE CITY'S GYM LEADER. A LONER WHO SPECIALIZES IN ELECTRIC-TYPE POKÉMON.

Candice
SNOWPOINT CITY'S GYM LEADER. A POWERFUL GYM LEADER WHO SPECIALIZES IN ICE-TYPE POKÉMON!

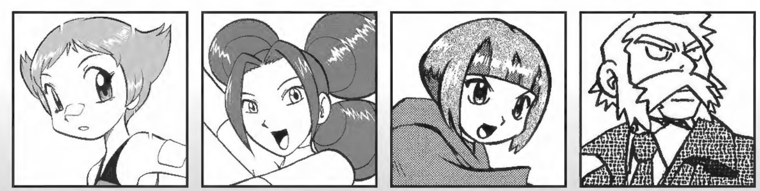


Cyrus
TEAM GALACTIC'S BOSS. AN OVERBEARING, INTENSE MAN.

?
AN EERIE SCIENTIST IN CHARGE OF THE RESEARCH AT TEAM GALACTIC.

Sird
A MYSTERIOUS BEING WHO APPEARS OUT OF NOWHERE. SHE SEEMS TO BE A MEMBER OF TEAM GALACTIC... BUT IS SHE REALLY?!

Jupiter
A BATTLE-LOVING TEAM GALACTIC LEADER WHO DEPLOYS POWERFUL ATTACKS.

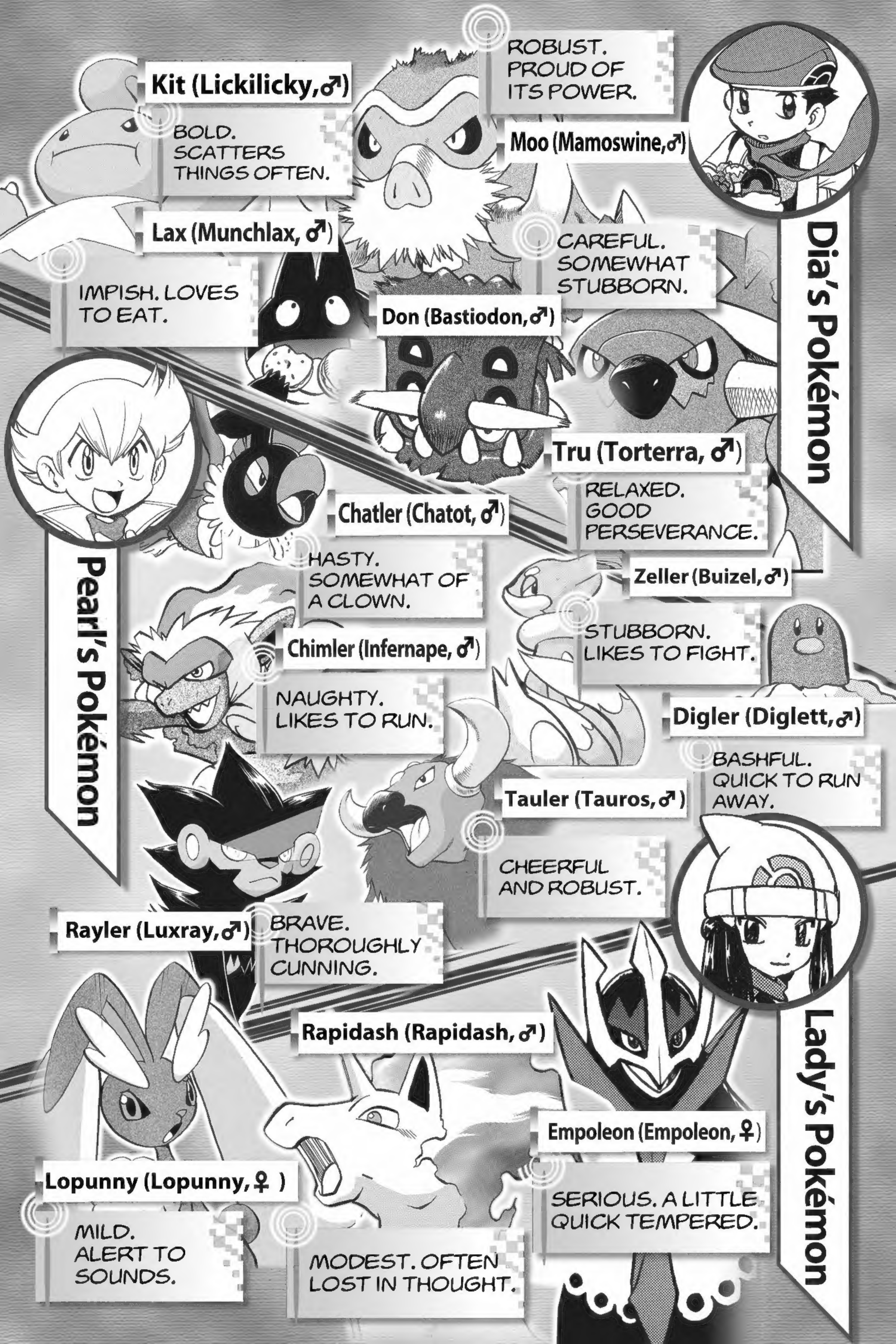


Maylene
VEILSTONE CITY'S GYM LEADER, WHO SPECIALIZES IN FIGHTING-TYPE POKÉMON.

Fantina
HEARTHOME CITY'S GYM LEADER, KNOWN AS THE ALLURING SOULFUL DANCER

Gardenia
ETERNA CITY'S GYM LEADER, WHO SPECIALIZES IN GRASS-TYPES.

Professor Rowan
A LEADING RESEARCHER OF POKÉMON EVOLUTION. HE CAN BE QUITE INTIMIDATING!



Dia's Pokémon
Kit (Lickilicky, ♂)
BOLD. SCATTERS THINGS OFTEN.
Moo (Mamoswine, ♂)
ROBUST. PROUD OF ITS POWER.
Lax (Munchlax, ♂)
IMPISH. LOVES TO EAT.
Don (Bastiodon, ♂)
CAREFUL. SOMEWHAT STUBBORN.
Tru (Torterra, ♂)
RELAXED. GOOD PERSEVERANCE.
Pearl's Pokémon
Chatler (Chatot, ♂)
HASTY. SOMEWHAT OF A CLOWN.
Zeller (Buizel, ♂)
STUBBORN. LIKES TO FIGHT.
Chimler (Infernape, ♂)
NAUGHTY. LIKES TO RUN.
Digler (Diglett, ♂)
BASHFUL. QUICK TO RUN AWAY.
Tauler (Tauros, ♂)
CHEERFUL AND ROBUST.
Rayler (Luxray, ♂)
BRAVE. THOROUGHLY CUNNING.
Lady's Pokémon
Rapidash (Rapidash, ♂)
MODEST. OFTEN LOST IN THOUGHT.
Empoleon (Empoleon, ♀)
SERIOUS. A LITTLE QUICK TEMPERED.
Lopunny (Lopunny, ♀)
MILD. ALERT TO SOUNDS.

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PLATINUM

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Double Trouble with Dialga and Palkia III






THUMP
GO, MOO!!
TH
UMP
TH
UMP
SO THAT'S DIA'S NEW POKÉMON...
..A MAMOSWINE!!
HE ONLY JUST POPPED OUT OF THE POKÉ BALL...
...BUT I CAN ALREADY FEEL AN INTENSE CHILL ALL THE WAY FROM HERE!!
KA-
THUMP


SCHNIK
THE ATTACK WORKED!! MAMO-SWINE'S TUSK MUST BE MADE OF ICE!!
AND THOSE TWO LOOK TO BE DRAGON-TYPE POKÉMON!!
ICE-TYPE AGAINST DRAGON-TYPE! THAT'S AN EFFECTIVE ATTACK, DIA!!
DO IT AGAIN, MOO!!
WOOOSH
THUMP
THUMP THUMP
TING


SHINK
HUH?
WHAT HAPPENED?!
KA
FWUMP
THAT ATTACK JUST RIPPED THROUGH... THE SPACE...DIA AND MOO WERE IN!!


WOW... AN ATTACK THAT TEARS THROUGH SPACE!!
BUT I GUESS WE'D BETTER NOT CELEBRATE TOO EARLY JUST BECAUSE WE STRUCK OUR TARGET...
WE'VE GOT TO JOIN IN THE BATTLE OUR-SELVES!
ZELLER!
BOM
DIGLER!!
BOM
TAULER!!
BOM
USE THE COMBO ATTACK WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON!!
SHUNK
TILT
BUMP
DIG
DIG
DIG
DIG



KRASH
FOOSH
KA
THUD
FWSH
FWSH FWSH
FWSH


NOW'S OUR CHANCE, MOO!!
GWUSSH
KRACK
KRACK
TING
SHHOOOP
WAY TO GO!!


ROOAAR


GID GID
GIDGID
KNUSH
IT REVERSED THE FLOW OF TIME WITH ITS ATTACK!!
FWASSH
KER-SCRAPE
AAAAH!!


THEY'RE STRONG!! ALMOST TOO STRONG!!
THEY'RE NOT CALLED LEGENDARY POKÉMON FOR NOTHING!
AND LIKE CYNTHIA SAID...
...THEY'RE THE ONES CREATING THE DISTORTION IN TIME AND SPACE.
SO BY STOPPING THESE TWO, WE CAN SAVE THE SINNOH REGION FROM...
...CATASTROPHE.
WILL WE DEFEAT THEM...?
OR CAPTURE THEM...?



DIALGA AND PALKIA ARE A DUO OF TIME AND SPACE...
SO IT'S DUO AGAINST DUO!!
EITHER WAY, WE'VE GOT TO DO IT ON OUR OWN!!
PULL
STRETTCH
FWAP
FWIPFWIP
PEARL!!


WHUP
FLASH
SHUNK SHUNK SHUNK
THA DONK
KERSMAK
KRMBL KRMBL
OH MY ...
I MUST DO MY BEST AS WELL ...
I'M NOT GOING TO LET THOSE TWO FIGHT ALONE!!


IT'S...
...GYM LEADERS!!
... THE ...
THEN ...
DID THOSE TWO POKÉ-MON DO THIS?
THEY'RE WOUNDED!
...PEARL AND DIAMOND MIGHT GET HURT TOO!!
I ASSUME SO.


YOU'RE FINALLY HERE... WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG?
I WANTED TO SHOW UP ALL COOL AND COL-LECTED ...
BUT I'VE ENDED UP LIKE THIS— IN TATTERS.
CAN-DICE !!
PLA... TINUM ?
I WAS THINKING OF GIVING YOU...
...THIS FROSLASS SO WE COULD FIGHT TOGETHER.
VOLKNER WANTED YOU TO HAVE IT...
HER TEAM SHOULD BE A LITTLE BETTER OFF WITH THAT.
I'LL ...
... ENTRUST THIS CHERRIM TO YOU.
I DON'T HAVE MUCH OF ANYTHING TO GIVE YOU...
BUT... TAKE THIS.



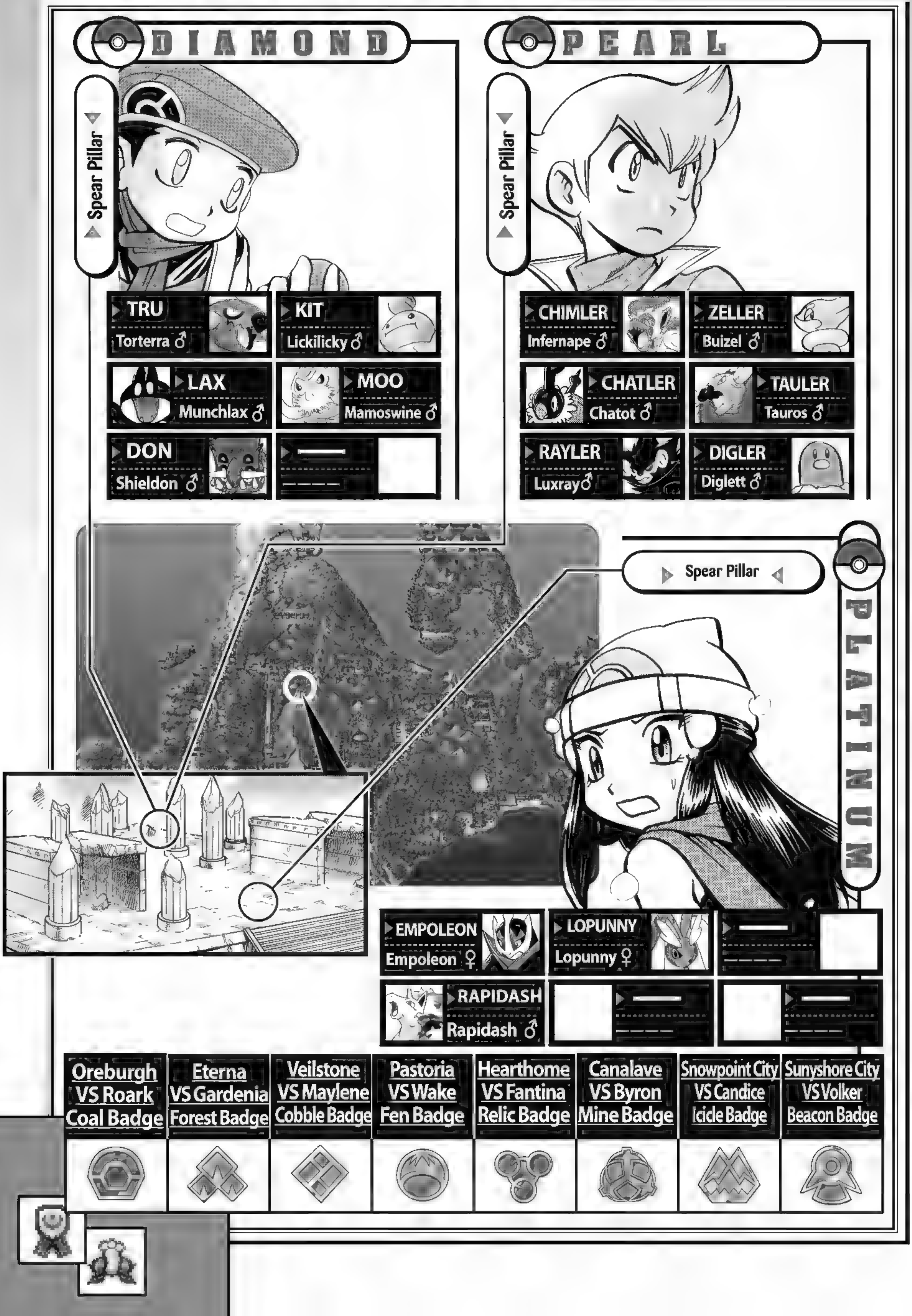
YOU SURE ARE GOOD AT MAKING FRIENDS, YOU KNOW...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
I PROMISE TO REPAY YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROS-ITY!
LOOK OUT!!
SMASH
THE POKÉ BALLS !!


FWUSSSH
AAAH !!
WAIT!! YOU CAN'T GO INTO BATTLE WITHOUT A PLAN!!
BUT...
HOW COULD YOU?! HOW DARE YOU TREAT GYM LEADERS LIKE THAT?!
BOOM
KLATTR
HUH ?
THIS IS AN ANCIENT SCROLL, ISN'T IT?
AND THESE ARE... ANCIENT WORDS.
ROAR OF TIME...
SPACIAL REND...


CAN YOU READ THIS, PLATINUM?!
YES, I CAN.
THIS HAS BEEN PASSED DOWN FOR GENERATIONS IN MY HOMETOWN. MY GRANDMOTHER GAVE IT TO ME.
I'M HOPING THIS WRITING WILL TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT DIALGA AND PALKIA...
YOU KNOW...
COME TO THINK OF IT, CYRUS DID SAY...
IF I CONNECT THIS WITH WHAT WAS WRITTEN IN THAT DOCUMENT...
YEAH...
CYRUS MUST HAVE READ THIS SOMEHOW TOO.
BUT... YOU'VE REALLY SURPRISED ME.
CYNTHIA...
DECIPHERING THIS DOCUMENT MIGHT HELP US FIND A WAY TO STOP THOSE TWO POKÉMON!
YES!!
I HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO DISCERN ITS MEANING!!


THE ONE WHO CALLED THEM ...
...IS CYRUS.
THOSE TWO POKÉMON WERE SUMMONED HERE BY THE RED CHAIN TO FIGHT EACH OTHER...
IT LOOKS LIKE WE'VE STILL GOT A CHANCE! BUT... THERE'S ANOTHER QUESTION THAT REMAINS UNANSWERED...
BUT HE'S NOWHERE TO BE SEEN!
WHERE IS HE...?!

ADVENTURE MAP



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Double Trouble with Dialga and Palkia IV




ROAR OF TIME ...
SPACIAL REND...
THESE MUST BE THE MOVES PEARL AND DIAMOND WERE ATTACKED WITH!!
PALKIA USED SPACIAL REND TO TEAR AWAY SPACE.
AND DIALGA USED ROAR OF TIME TO REVERSE THE FLOW OF TIME.
DID YOU SEE THAT, DIA?
LADY AND CYNTHIA ARE READING SOME KIND OF SCROLL.
EYEP!

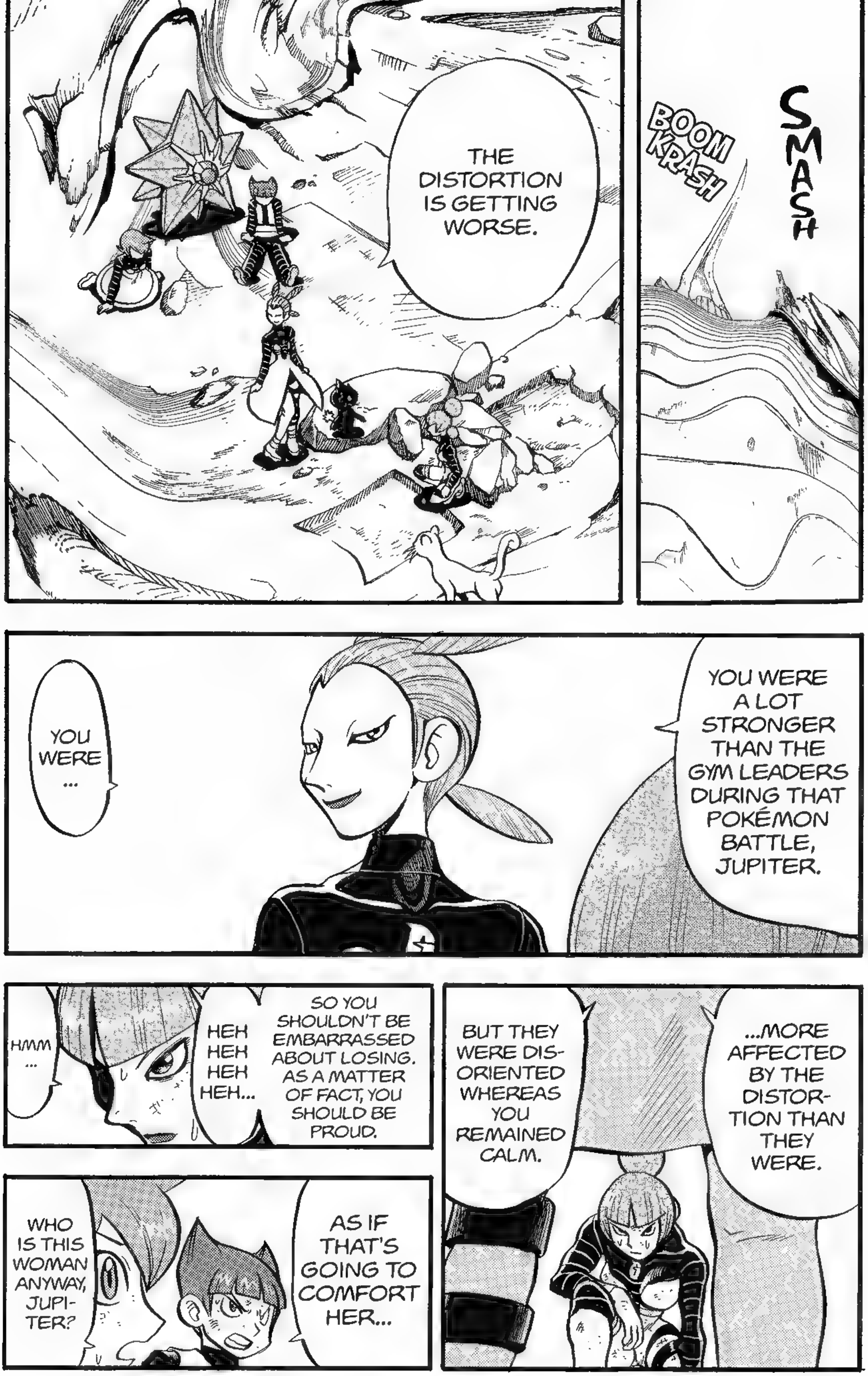


MAYBE THEY'LL FIND A SOLUTION TO ALL THIS. IN FACT...
I KNOW THEY WILL!
I'M SURE LADY WILL FIND IT!!
THOSE TWO FOCUSED THEIR ATTENTION ON US THE MOMENT WE GOT HERE...
DOES THAT MEAN THEY DON'T WANT TO FIGHT EACH OTHER ANY-MORE?
OR IS IT THAT ...
...THEY NO LONGER HAVE A REASON TO FIGHT?
COULD IT BE THAT THE ONE WHO WAS COMMAND-ING THEM TO BATTLE IS NO LONGER HERE?
AND DOES THAT MEAN THAT... CYRUS IS GONE?!
Such fools ...


CYRUS'S VOICE!!
WHERE IS HE?!
WHAT ?!
It will engulf every-thing.
The new core will engulf every-thing.
It will...
RMBL RMBL RMBL
... spread and engulf ...
...all that is incom-plete.


KRASH!!
EVERYTHING!!
PEARL!! DIAMOND!!
THUMP
ARE YOU OKAY?!
I'M FINE.
I WANT YOU TO KEEP WORKING ON DECIPHERING THAT SCROLL, LADY.


DIA ...?
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT— THAT WAS CYRUS!
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, DIA?
BL
LRMBLRM
THE CREATION OF A NEW UNIVERSE CAN NO LONGER BE HALTED.
THERE'S NO NEED FOR ME TO GIVE THEM ORDERS ANY-MORE...


SMASH
BOOM KRASH
THE DISTORTION IS GETTING WORSE.
YOU WERE A LOT STRONGER THAN THE GYM LEADERS DURING THAT POKÉMON BATTLE, JUPITER.
YOU WERE ...
...MORE AFFECTED BY THE DISTOR-TION THAN THEY WERE.
BUT THEY WERE DIS-ORIENTED WHEREAS YOU REMAINED CALM.
SO YOU SHOULDN'T BE EMBARRASSED ABOUT LOSING. AS A MATTER OF FACT, YOU SHOULD BE PROUD.
HEH HEH HEH HEH...
HMM ...
AS IF THAT'S GOING TO COMFORT HER...
WHO IS THIS WOMAN ANYWAY, JUPI-TER?


TEAM ROCKET MEMBER SIRD, ONE OF THE THREE BEASTS.
ACTU-ALLY...
...TEAM GALACTIC MEMBER SIRD.
I'M ONE OF YOUR COMRADES. I JOINED TEAM ROCKET FOR A REASON.
COMMANDER CYRUS'S PLAN TO CREATE A NEW UNIVERSE WAS ALREADY SET IN MOTION YEARS AGO.
YOU TWO KNOW THAT, DON'T YOU?
THAT'S RIGHT...
WE WERE CAPTURING POKÉMON WHO HAD A CONNECTION TO THE STARS AND THE COSMOS.
CLE-FAIRY.
STARMIE.
STARYU.
CLEFFA.
SOLROCK.
LUNA-TONE.
THERE ARE MANY POKÉMON CONNECTED TO THE STARS AND THE COSMOS...
...BUT THERE IS **ONE** POKÉMON WHOSE POWER EXCEEDS THEM ALL...
I DISCOVERED A POKÉMON WHO REPRESENTS THE POWER OF THE UNIVERSE ITSELF. ITS NAME IS...


...DEOXYS!
GIOVANNI, THE LEADER OF TEAM ROCKET, WAS TRYING TO CAPTURE DEOXYS.
AS SOON AS I FOUND OUT ABOUT IT, I JOINED TEAM ROCKET— AS A SPY.
PRETENDED TO PAY ALLEGIANCE TO GIOVANNI.
BUT MY SOLE MOTIVE WAS TO PRESENT DEOXYS TO COMMANDER CYRUS.
I LEARNED QUITE A BIT WHILE INSIDE TEAM ROCKET...
I AM SIRD OF TEAM GALACTIC...
AT TIMES, I LEND A HELPING HAND TO THOSE I BELIEVE ARE JUST TOO GOOD TO FADE AWAY... HEH HEH HEH HEH...
BUT YOU WERE STOPPED JUST WHEN YOU WERE ABOUT TO GET YOUR HANDS ON DEOXYS!
ISN'T THAT RIGHT?!
YES...



BECAUSE OF THOSE BLASTED ...
...KIDS WITH POKÉ-DEXES!
MY LEFT LEG WAS STRUCK BY A SPECIAL ICE ATTACK DURING THAT BATTLE.
TCH... I CAN'T MOVE.
I'LL HAVE TO CALL MY COMRADES IN SINNOH FOR HELP.
HEH HEH HEH... BUT I'VE MADE SOME INTERESTING DISCOVERIES ALONG THE WAY.
THE PETRIFAC-TION OF HUMANS ...
THAT DISCOVERY ALONE MAKES UP FOR THE INJURIES I'VE INCURRED.
THE MOMENT I TRIED TO CAPTURE DEOXYS WHILE TRYING TO ESCAPE...


AN UNEXPECTED EFFECT WAS CREATED WHEN MEWTWO'S ATTACK...
...CLASHED WITH AN ATTACK FROM MY POKÉMON!



I'LL GO AFTER DEOXYS, ENTITY TWO, AS WELL AS INVESTIGATE THE MECHANISM OF THIS PETRIFACTION.
THIS IS NOT THE MISSION I WAS GIVEN... BUT I KNOW ITS IMPORTANCE WILL SOON BECOME APPARENT.
AND SO, WHEN THE GRUNTS CAME TO RESCUE ME...
I WON'T BE ABLE TO RETURN TO SINNOH FOR QUITE SOME TIME.
I NEED SOME-ONE TO TAKE MY PLACE WHILE I'M GONE.
I'LL HAVE **YOU** STAND IN FOR ME.
THE TEAM GALACTIC GRUNTS ARE CONTROLLED BY A GROUP CONSCIOUSNESS. THEY MOVE TOGETHER AS ONE IN PERFECT SYNCHRONICITY.
BUT I PURPOSELY FREED ONE OF THEM FROM THAT MODE AND INSTILLED MY OWN CONSCIOUSNESS IN HIM.
THIS IS THAT GRUNT.
I FOUND HIM BURIED UNDER THE RUBBLE OF THE VEILSTONE CITY BUILDING AND BROUGHT HIM WITH ME.



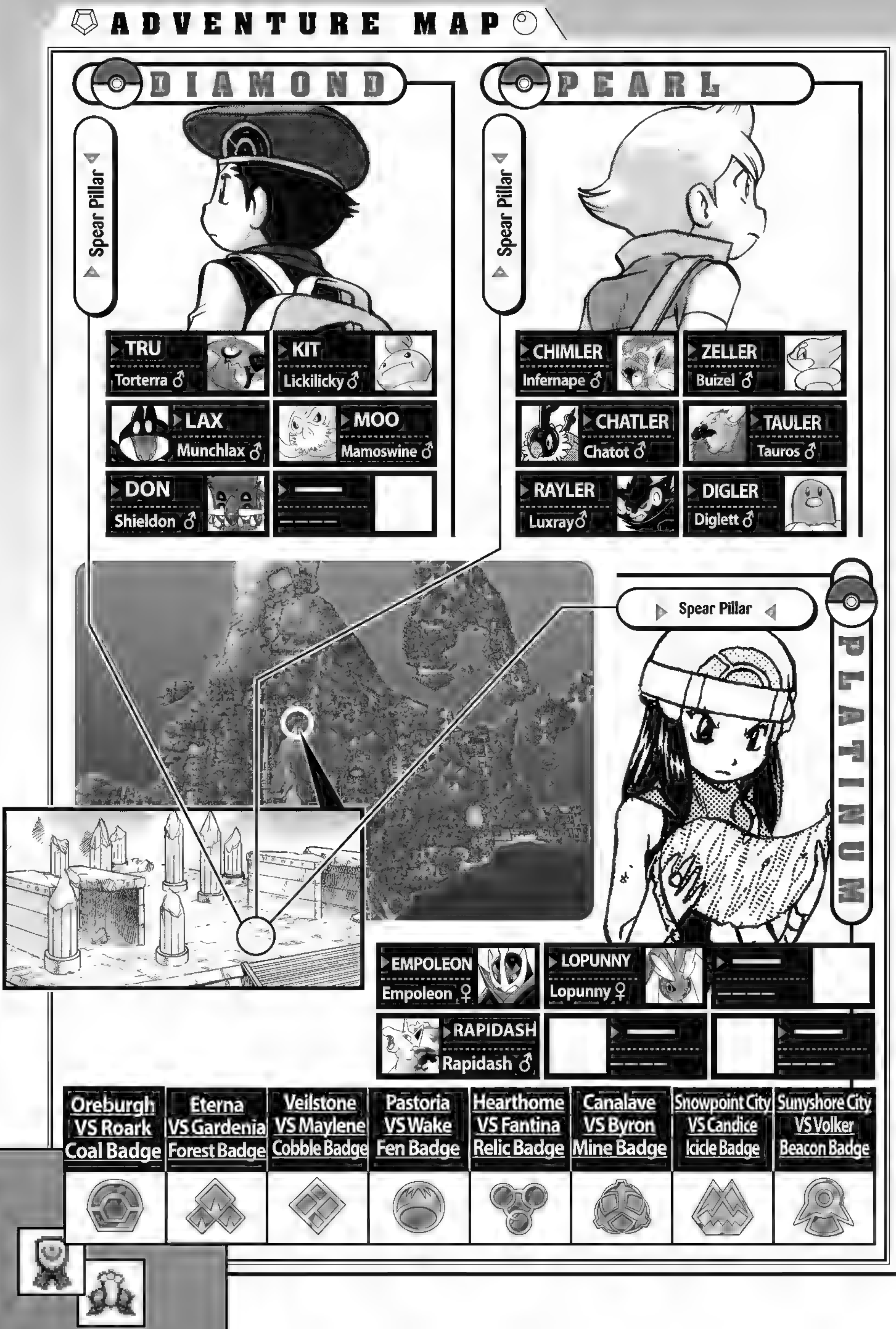
HE WILL MOVE, THINK AND BEHAVE EXACTLY AS I WOULD.
IN SOME WAYS, THIS FELLOW IS MY ALTER EGO.
AND WHAT HAP-PENED TO DEOXYS?
WELL ...
I WAS ATTACKED BY MEWTWO WHILE GOING AFTER DEOXYS.
I HAD HEARD THERE WAS A GRUNT WHO SUCKED UP TO COM-MANDER CYRUS ALL THE TIME...
...SO IT WAS **HIM**, HUH?!
RIDICU-LOUS.
HEH HEH HEH HEH ...
MEWTWO HAD BECOME FRIENDS WITH THOSE POKÉMON TRAINERS. IT MUST HAVE WANTED TO FREE THEM FROM THEIR PETRIFAC-TION.
TO BE HONEST, IT WAS A NARROW ESCAPE TO RETURN HERE.
YOUR WORK IS OVER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SER-VICE.


SO THAT'S HOW THIS ALL FITS TOGETHER ...
I NEVER EXPECTED HIM TO GET SO OBSESSED WITH THOSE POKÉDEXES...
BUT RECEIVING THEM IS QUITE A BONUS!


RILEY FROM IRON ISLAND!
WHO ARE YOU?!
BDUMM
LUCARIO, CLOSE COMBAT!!
FSSSSHH
...THAT WASN'T HIS.
THE DISTINCT PRESENCE OF AN EVIL AURA...
...I SENSED... SOMEONE ELSE.
...WHEN I TRIED TO FIND OUT WHO SENT THIS SPY CAMERA...
BUT...
THAT'S THE GUY WHO WAS SPYING ON DIA, ISN'T IT?


...IT WAS YOURS!!
AURA SPHERE !!
WHISH
WHISH
WHISH
WHISH
FFT
FFT
FFT
FFT
FFT
I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM.


ZUKK
YOU CAN'T STOP IT ANYMORE!
ALL THAT IS INCOMPLETE WILL BE SUCKED INTO IT.
THE CORE WILL SWALLOW EVERY-THING.
IT WILL SPREAD AND ENGULF ALL EXISTENCE.
THAT WHICH IS FAR AWAY WILL COME CLOSE. THE PAST WILL BECOME THE PRESENT.
THE DISTORTION OF TIME AND SPACE WILL SPREAD EVER FASTER AND THIS INCOMPLETE WORLD WILL COME TO...
...AN END.



ADVENTURE MAP
DIAMOND
Spear Pillar
TRU
Torterra ♂
KIT
Lickilicky ♂
LAX
Munchlax ♂
MOO
Mamoswine ♂
DON
Shieldon ♂
PEARL
Spear Pillar
CHIMLER
Infernape ♂
ZELLER
Buizel ♂
CHATLER
Chatot ♂
TAULER
Tauros ♂
RAYLER
Luxray ♂
DIGLER
Diglett ♂
Spear Pillar
PLATINUM
EMPOLEON
Empoleon ♀
LOPUNNY
Lopunny ♀
RAPIDASH
Rapidash ♂
Oreburgh
VS Roark
Coal Badge
Eterna
VS Gardenia
Forest Badge
Veilstone
VS Maylene
Cobble Badge
Pastoria
VS Wake
Fen Badge
Hearthome
VS Fantina
Relic Badge
Canalave
VS Byron
Mine Badge
Snowpoint City
VS Candice
Icicle Badge
Sunyshore City
VS Volker
Beacon Badge

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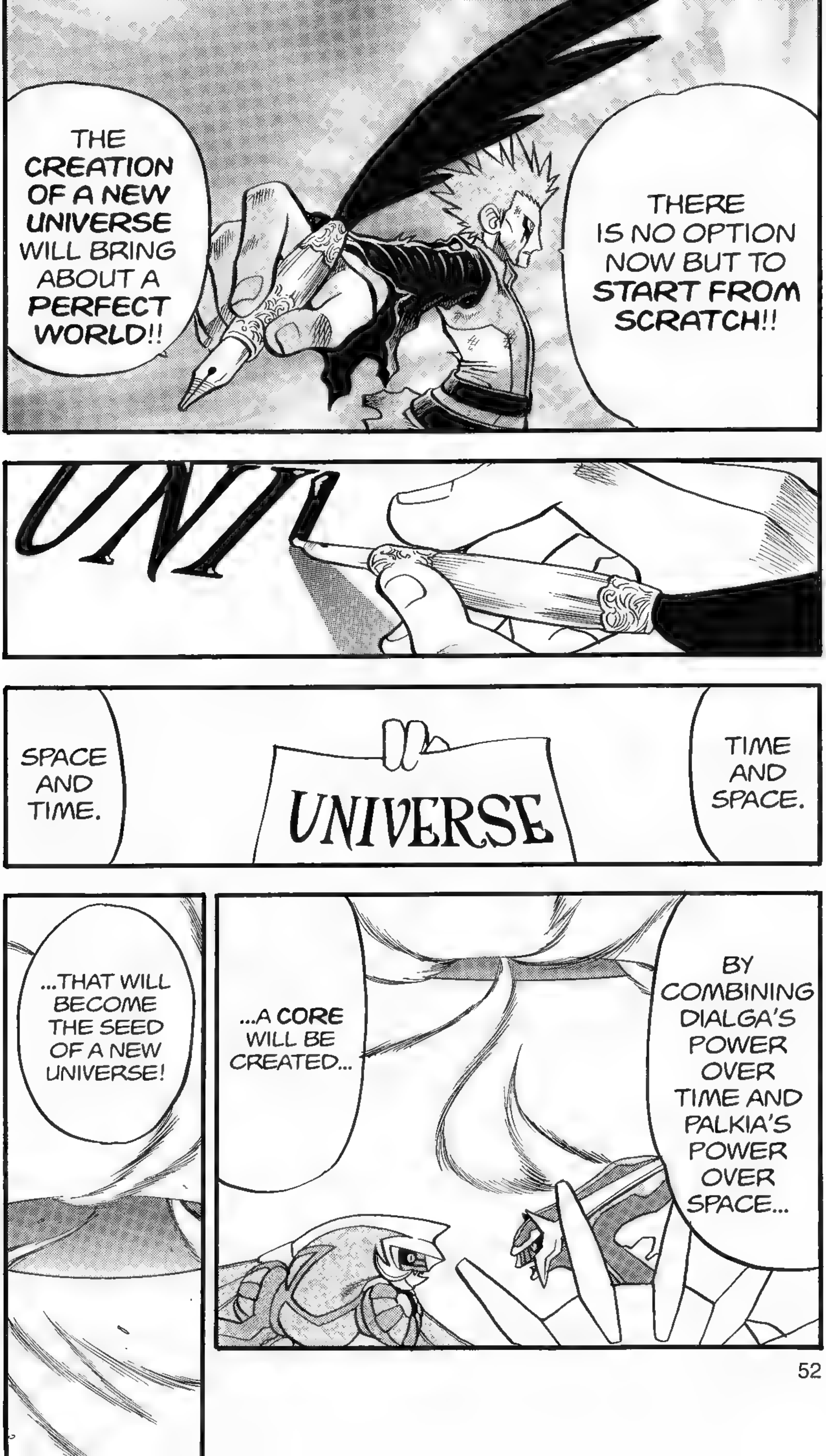

WHAT ?!
IMPOSSIBLE !!
HUH? WHAT?
IT'S REAL !!
THE DISTORTION IN SPACE AND TIME...
...JUST LIKE CYRUS SAID...IT'S SPREADING!!


SINNOH POLICE STATION
COME ON— SPILL IT!
WHERE DID THE TEAM GALACTIC GRUNTS AT THE GALACTIC VEILSTONE BUILDING DISAPPEAR TO?! YOU KNOW, DON'T YOU?!
WE DON'T! REALLY, WE DON'T!
WE JUST FOLLOWED ORDERS TO CLOSE OFF LAKE VALOR AND KEEP OUT INTRUDERS.
INTERVIEW ROOM
NO LUCK ...?
NOPE. I GUESS THEY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING AFTER ALL.
AND YOU CAME OUT ALL THIS WAY FROM THE INTERNATIONAL POLICE HEADQUAR—
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
POINK
I'LL LEAVE THIS POKÉMON HERE.
KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS FOR ME!
FWP
HM ...
WHO'S THAT ...?


THE CONCERNED CITIZEN WHO CAPTURED THOSE TWO AND BROUGHT THEM IN FOR QUESTIONING.
AHHHHHH...
APPARENTLY THERE'S SOMETHING HE WANTS TO ASK THEM... SO HE'S BEEN WAITING UNTIL WE WERE DONE INTER-VIEWING THEM.
I CAN'T WAIT TO RECORD THE FOOTPRINTS OF THEIR KRICKETUNE AND DRAPION!
I WISH THEY'D HURRY UP AND FINISH!
OH...
WHERE AM I...?


THE SAME THING HAS BEEN HAPPENING TO EVERYONE THROUGHOUT THE SINNOH REGION.
HERE ONE SECOND... THERE THE NEXT...
BEBE
SNIPPETS OF TIME REPEATING OVER AND OVER...
PEOPLE THROWN INTO CHAOS, PARALYZED WITH FEAR...
...AS THE SPACE-TIME ANOMALY CONTINUES TO GROW AND THREATEN EVERYDAY EXISTENCE!


HA HA HA... SCARED?
TERRIFIED?
YOU ARE ONLY EXPERIENCING FEAR...
...BECAUSE YOUR **HEART** IS INCOMPLETE.
EMOTIONS SUCH AS FEAR CAN BE CONTROLLED THROUGH **WILLPOWER.**
IF YOU HAVE THE **KNOWLEDGE** TO INCREASE YOUR WILLPOWER...
EMOTION, WILLPOWER, KNOWLEDGE...
WHEN THE THREE SUPPORT AND REGULATE EACH OTHER...
...PERFECTION WILL BE ACHIEVED.
BUT LOOK AT THIS WORLD!!
ALWAYS LACKING AT LEAST ONE OF THE THREE, IT HAS SPIRALED OUT OF CONTROL...
...DETERIORATING INTO A STATE OF INCOMPLETENESS BEYOND THE POINT OF REPAIR!!


THERE IS NO OPTION NOW BUT TO **START FROM SCRATCH!!**
THE **CREATION OF A NEW UNIVERSE** WILL BRING ABOUT A **PERFECT WORLD!!**
UNI
TIME AND SPACE.
UNIVERSE
SPACE AND TIME.
BY COMBINING DIALGA'S POWER OVER TIME AND PALKIA'S POWER OVER SPACE...
...A **CORE** WILL BE CREATED...
...THAT WILL BECOME THE SEED OF A NEW UNIVERSE!


RMBL
RMBL
RMBL
RMBL
FLOAT
EVERY-THING INCOMPLETE WILL BE ERADICATED!
HA HA HA HA HA!
AND THUS BEGINS A PERFECT NEW WORLD!!


YOU HAVE GOT TO BE KID-DING ME!!
GRAB
CRASHER WAKE !!
BOOING
YOU HAVE TO STOP THEM !!
BOM
PULL
YANK


FAN-
TINA,
WAKE
UP...!!
DRG
DRG
DRG
YOU
HAVE
TO
FIGHT
IT!!
BOM
DRIF-
BLIM,
HELP
ME!!
RSSSSHH
IT'S...
NO
USE
...
NO!!


HANG IN THERE, EVERY-BODY!!
I'M GOING TO CLOSE THAT HOLE!!
MOO !!
BLIZ-ZARD !!


A POINTLESS EFFORT. DID YOU SERIOUSLY THINK ATTACKING IT WOULD DO ANY GOOD?
WELL THEN...
...I'LL JUMP INTO THE HOLE MYSELF!
C'MON, MOO! LET'S GO!!
UD
KTH
UD
KTH
LET'S SEE IF WE CAN CLOSE THIS HOLE FROM THE INSIDE!!
JUMP
RSSSHHH



DIA-A-A-!!
NO-O-O-O!!
BOM
ZIP
RTTL
RTTL
RTTL
SHUNK
HUH?
WE... STOPPED?




BUT ...
BUT THAT POKÉMON CLEARLY JUMPED OUT OF YOUR BAG!
UH... PLATI-NUM? WHAT'S GOING ON?
I DON'T KNOW !!
IT WAS... THAT POKÉ BALL WAS INSIDE MY BAG...
?!
...THAT POKÉ BALL...
TINK


WHY DID IT APPEAR ALL OF A SUDDEN?!
JUST WHEN DIA TRIED TO ENTER THE RIFT?!
AND, UH... IS THIS POKÉMON ON **OUR** SIDE?!
OH YES! IT'S DEFINITELY ON YOUR SIDE.



THE FOOTPRINT SAYS... "I'VE BEEN WAITING TO RECEIVE MY ORDERS.
TUNK
I CAN CLEARLY DISCERN THAT FROM ITS FOOT-PRINT.
"I WILL...
"...FIGHT FOR SINNOH.
"I'LL GIVE IT MY ALL."
RSTL
GOT IT!
YOU SEE ...?
DR. FOOT-STEP!!


ADVENTURE MAP
DIAMOND
Spear Pillar
TRU
Torterra ♂
KIT
Lickilicky ♂
LAX
Munchlax ♂
MOO
Mamoswine ♂
DON
Shieldon ♂
?
PEARL
Spear Pillar
CHIMLER
Infernape ♂
ZELLER
Buizel ♂
CHATLER
Chatot ♂
TAULER
Tauros ♂
RAYLER
Luxray ♂
DIGLER
Diglett ♂
Spear Pillar
PLATINUM
EMPOLEON
Empoleon ♀
LOPUNNY
Lopunny ♀
RAPIDASH
Rapidash ♂
Oreburgh
VS Roark
Coal Badge
Eterna
VS Gardenia
Forest Badge
Veilstone
VS Maylene
Cobble Badge
Pastoria
VS Wake
Fen Badge
Hearthome
VS Fantina
Relic Badge
Canalave
VS Byron
Mine Badge
Snowpoint City
VS Candice
Icicle Badge
Sunyshore City
VS Volker
Beacon Badge



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Double Trouble with Dialga and Palkia VI




DR. FOOT-STEP!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
I DON'T RIGHTLY KNOW... I STEPPED OUT OF THE POLICE STATION...AND WOUND UP HERE!
ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, IT LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE ABLE TO GATHER AN AMAZING FOOTPRINT AT THIS LOCATION!
UM... NOT IF THE FOOT CRUSHES YOU FIRST!
AT ANY RATE, DR. FOOTSTEP'S READINGS OF FOOTPRINTS ARE ACCURATE. THAT HUGE POKÉMON IS DEFINITELY ON OUR SIDE!
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, LADY...?
YES!
REGI-GIGAS !!
DUN
DUN
DUN
DNK
DNK
DNK
KERR SMASH


IT CAPTURED BOTH OF THEM!! TWO LEGENDARY POKÉMON AT ONCE!!
IF WE CAN STOP DIALGA AND PALKIA FROM FIGHTING AND CLOSE THAT HOLE...
THAT "CORE" THINGIE WILL QUIT SPREAD-ING!!


SMAK
WOW! AMAZ-ING!!
OW ...
DIA !!
KATHUNK
WHY MUST YOU ALWAYS GET IN MY WAY?
...WHAT A GRAND THING IT IS THAT I HOPE TO ACHIEVE?
DON'T YOU COMPRE-HEND ...
...THE IMPOR-TANCE OF PERFEC-TION? OF MAKING THIS WORLD COM-PLETE?
DON'T YOU UNDER-STAND ...


YOU'VE NEVER EVEN CONSIDERED THE IMPLICATIONS OF TIME AND SPACE BEFORE!!
NO. IT'S BEYOND THE LIKES OF YOU.
I...DO UNDER-STAND.
UH ...
COM-PARED TO ME, PEARL IS FAST.
I'M SLOW.
EVEN THE SAME HOUR CAN FEEL LONG TO PEARL AND SHORT TO ME.
EVEN WHEN WE DO THE SAME THING, PEARL DOES THEM QUICKLY AND I TAKE MY TIME.
11:18
I... CAN'T USE BIG WORDS TO DESCRIBE IT, BUT...
...I GET IT.


BUT... IT'S STILL THE SAME HOUR.
THAT'S HOW I'VE EXPERIENCED "TIME."
AND I'VE BEEN TRAVELING WITH PEARL AND LADY...
WE'D ONLY HEARD ABOUT PLACES AND TOWNS IN THIS AREA...
...SO THE PLACES WE WENT TO, THE PEOPLE WE MET, THE POKÉMON WE SAW—THEY WERE ALL NEW TO US. THAT'S HOW I DISCOVERED HOW BIG THIS WORLD IS.
THAT'S...
...HOW I'VE EXPERIENCED "SPACE."


...I MUST WIPE CLEAN THIS IMPERFECT WORLD!
AS I THOUGHT...
APPARENTLY ASKING YOU WAS A COMPLETE WASTE OF BREATH...
YOU AND YOUR SILLY NOTIONS... AND YOU HAVE THE NERVE TO STAND IN MY WAY!
WHY?
WHY...
...DO YOU GET TO DECIDE THAT?
THE TIME I SPENT WITH PEARL AND LADY...
...THE SPACE I TRAVELED THROUGH WITH THEM...
THAT TIME AND SPACE IS MORE IMPORTANT TO ME THAN ANYTHING!
THAT DOESN'T GO JUST FOR ME EITHER.
THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE AND POKÉMON WHO CHERISH THIS WORLD, THIS TIME AND SPACE...
...AND THAT'S WHY THEY'RE ALL GATHERED HERE TODAY.


YOU HAVE NO RIGHT...
...TO TAKE AWAY THE THINGS THAT ARE PRECIOUS TO OTHERS FOR YOUR OWN SELFISH REASONS!!
WHAT ...?!
HOW ...?!


DIALGA!!
PALKIA!!
WHY HAVE THEY STOPPED FIGHTING?!
THEY'RE STILL UNDER MY CONTROL...
AND THAT HUGE POKÉMON ISN'T STOPPING THEM...
IMPOS-SIBLE!!
COULD IT BE...? DID THEY STOP BATTLING... BECAUSE THEY'RE **LISTENING** TO **HIM**?!
HAVE THOSE LEGENDARY POKÉMON... SO IMMENSELY POWERFUL...BEEN TAKEN IN BY... THIS BOY?!


JINGL JINGL
AAAAARGH !!
DIALGA!!
PALKIA!!
DON'T STOP FIGHT-ING!!
I COM-MAND YOU TO RESUME YOUR BATTLE !!
KTCHHS


KRASH
LOOK !!
THE RED CHAIN !!
BECAUSE OF YOU, AZELF, UXIE AND MESPRIT ESCAPED BEFORE WE COULD CREATE THE SECOND RED CHAIN!
FORCING ME TO CREATE THIS CHAIN ARTIFICIALLY!!
BUT IT WAS INCOMPLETE! THE GYM LEADERS MANAGED TO TEAR IT APART!!
DIA !!
DIAMOND !!
OWW ...
SMAKK
ALL BECAUSE IT WAS IMPERFECT!!


I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU.
YOU'VE CERTAINLY GOT GUTS.
HEARING WHAT YOU SAID...
... MAKES ME VERY HAPPY.
I'M SO GLAD I GOT TO...
... TRAVEL WITH YOU TOO!
BUT...


...IT SEEMS LIKE I'VE... ...MADE THE BATTLE BETWEEN DIALGA AND PALKIA...
...EVEN WORSE!
AND THAT OTHER POKÉMON—IT'S BEEN INJURED.
OH... LADY!
HAVE YOU DECIPHERED THE SCROLL YET?!
YES! I MANAGED TO READ IT ALL!!
ACCORDING TO THE TEXT...
...THESE TWO ARE PERFECT COUNTERPARTS!



TIME AND SPACE ...
THE LUSTROUS ORB AND THE ADAMANT ORB...
THE ROAR OF TIME, DIALGA'S GREATEST MOVE, WHICH HAS THE POWER TO BLAST AWAY TIME, AND...
...SPACIAL REND, PALKIA'S GREATEST MOVE, WHICH HAS THE POWER TO TEAR AWAY SPACE...
THEY'RE BOTH EQUALLY BALANCED AGAINST EACH OTHER.
SO ...
THERE ARE TWO OF THEM ...
... BUT ...
...ONLY ONE RED CHAIN...
CYRUS CAN'T CON-TROL BOTH OF THEM WITH A SINGLE CHAIN.
SOONER OR LATER, THE MOMENT WILL COME WHEN THE CLASH BETWEEN THESE TWO POWERS BECOMES IMBAL-ANCED.
AND THAT'S OUR OPPORTU-NITY...
NOD

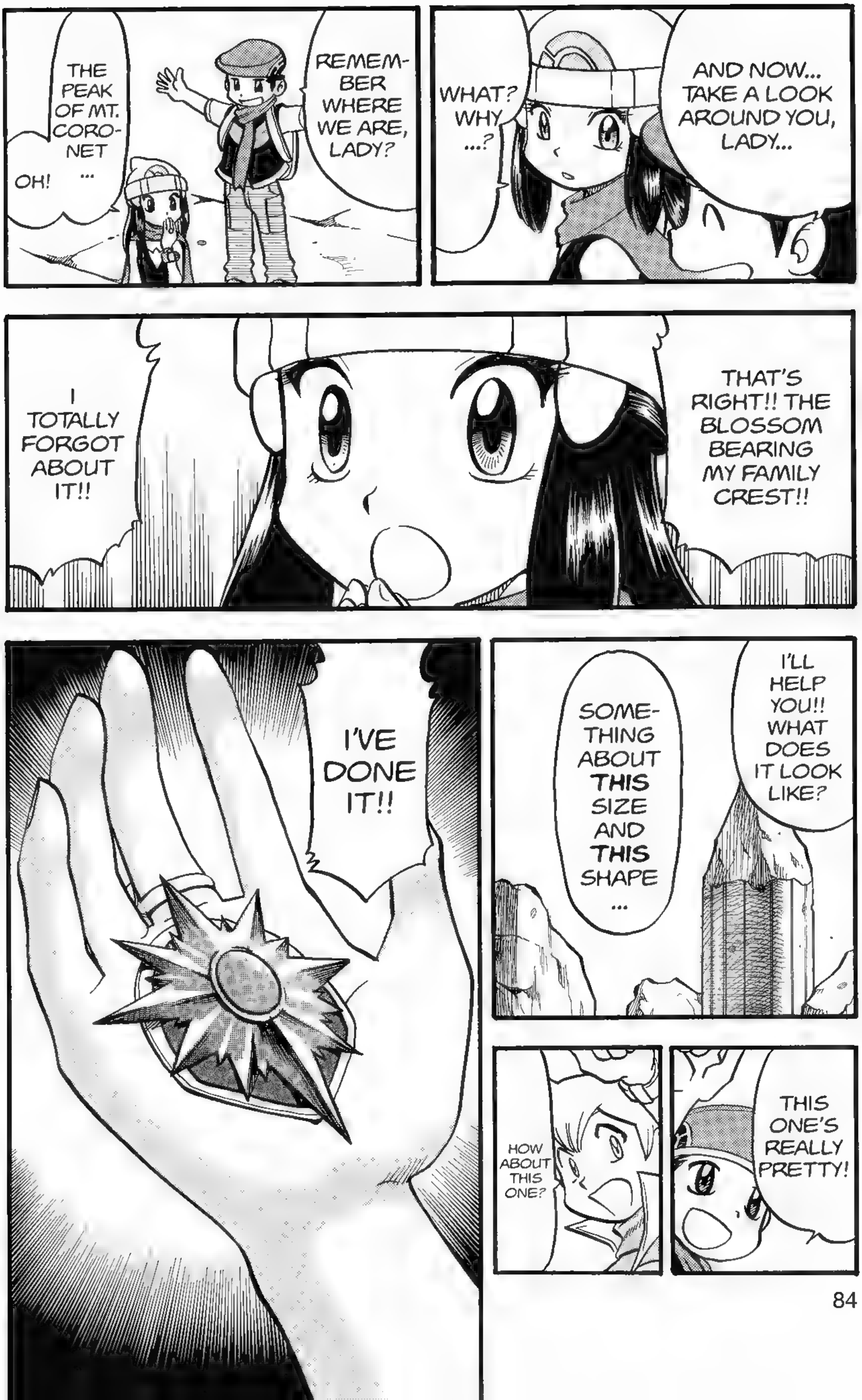

WE HAVE TO ATTACK WITH...
...EVERY-THING WE'VE GOT!!
DROP
WHAT?!
ARRRGH!!
PALKIAAA-A-A!!
NOW!!
THUMP
THUD
SMASH
KRASH
UNK
TH
SMASH




STRONG IRON-CLAD WILLPOWER.
DEEP AND QUIET EMOTIONS.
...WHEN YOU ADD TO THAT KNOWLEDGE...
AND...


I SEE ...
EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE INCOMPLETE ...
THEY JOINED HANDS AND SUPPORTED EACH OTHER. THAT'S WHY...
... THEY WERE ABLE TO STOP ME.
THAT'S WHY...
HE'S ALIVE ...
...BUT INJURED—PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY.
THE HOLE IS FADING AWAY!
AND THE DISTORTION IS GONE TOO!
HEY ...
WHAT ABOUT CYRUS ?


THAT MEANS TEAM GALACTIC'S PLOT IS FINISHED TOO!
THEIR EVIL ORGANIZATION IS BOUND TO FALL APART NOW...
AND BEST OF ALL...
...DIALGA AND PALKIA HAVE CALMED DOWN!
I GUESS WE CAN'T EXACTLY CALL THIS A HAPPY ENDING, BUT...
...WE HAVE ...
... SAVED THE WORLD!
BMP


AND NOW... TAKE A LOOK AROUND YOU, LADY...
WHAT? WHY ...?
REMEM-BER WHERE WE ARE, LADY?
THE PEAK OF MT. CORO-NET ...
OH!
THAT'S RIGHT!! THE BLOSSOM BEARING MY FAMILY CREST!!
I TOTALLY FORGOT ABOUT IT!!
I'LL HELP YOU!! WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?
SOME-THING ABOUT THIS SIZE AND THIS SHAPE ...
THIS ONE'S REALLY PRETTY!
HOW ABOUT THIS ONE?
I'VE DONE IT!!

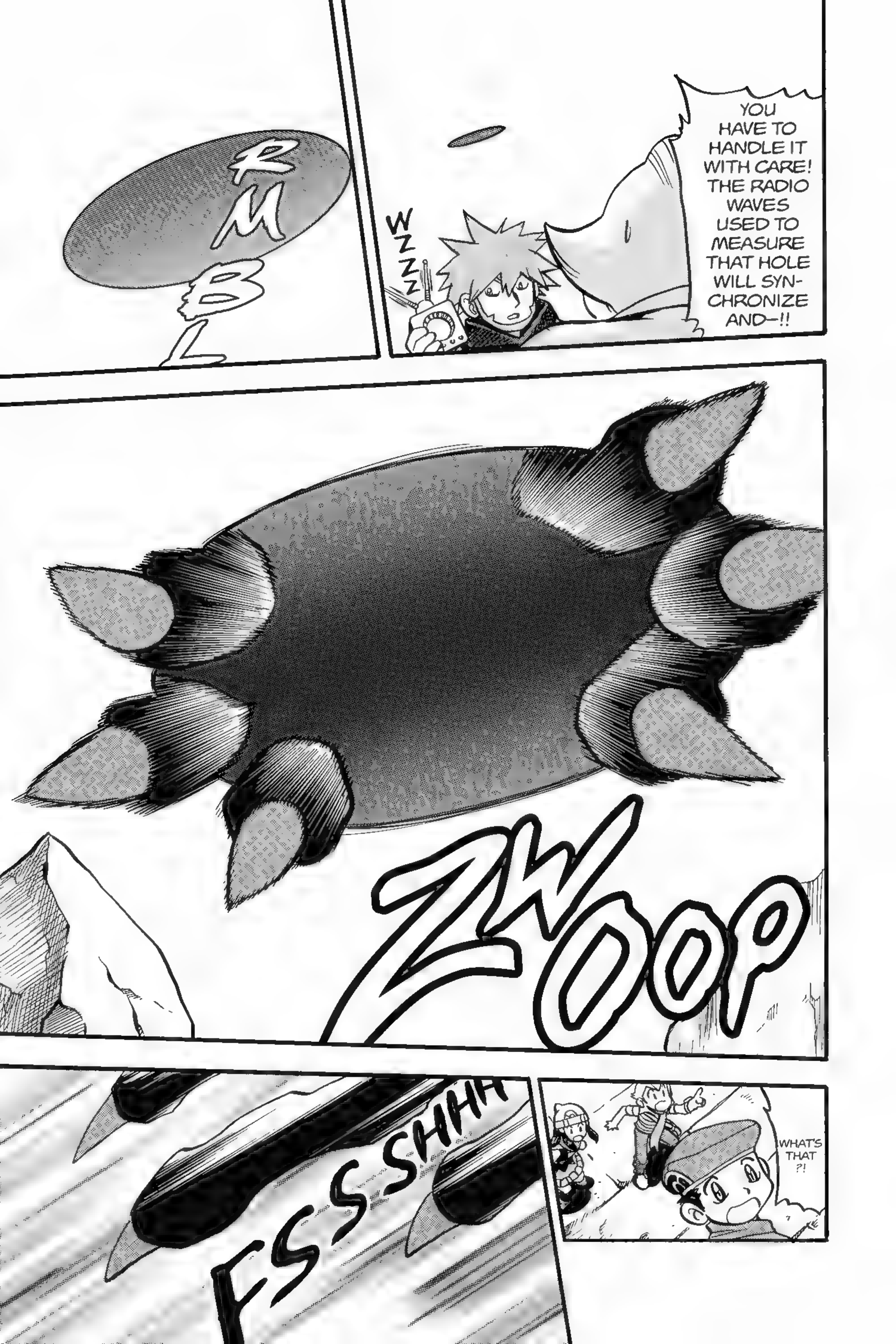

BUT THERE'S STILL ONE THING LEFT UNFIN-ISHED...
YES!
YOU'VE ACCOM-PLISHED WHAT YOU SET OUT TO DO!
YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT PAKA AND UJI, AREN'T YOU?!
YES.
EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE FAR FROM HERE...
IF I CAN JUST FIND THEM... I MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP THEM TOO!
HEY!
EVEN THOUGH I'VE NEVER EVEN MET THEM...
LIKE YOU TWO, THEY GAVE THEIR ALL TO PROTECT ME...
I WANT TO FIND THEM!
I **HAVE** TO FIND THEM!! NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES!


FOR NOW, WE'D BETTER TAKE HIM TO A HOSPITAL WITH THE OTHER INJURED GYM LEADERS.
BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE WE'LL BE ABLE TO ASK CYRUS **ANYTHING** FOR A WHILE YET...
THE QUICKEST WAY TO FIND THEM WOULD BE TO ASK TEAM GALACTIC WHERE THEY WENT...
PAKA AND UJI GOT SUCKED INTO SOME KIND OF WEIRD VOID CREATED BY TEAM GALACTIC'S MACHINE...
THUNK
THUNK
I WANT IT, I WANT IT!
ANOTHER ONE OF SINNOH'S LEGEND-ARY POKÉMON.
REGI-GIGAS ...



I HAVE TO MEASURE THE NUMBER OF UNITS BEFORE IT DISAPPEARS.
I MUSTN'T FORGET WHAT I CAME HERE FOR!
NO ...
SHOULD I STILL GIVE IT A TRY?
IF ONLY I WERE A LITTLE CLOSER ...
NO, NO, NO!
WHAT SIMPLETONS.
DO THEY SERIOUSLY BELIEVE THAT'S A SEED THAT WILL TURN INTO A NEW UNIVERSE?
I'M SO GLAD THEY'RE ALL MISTAKEN ABOUT THAT THING...
WHAT DID YOU SAY? DATA FOR WHAT ...?
SMASH
SHINE
OOPS! SHOOT... I WON'T BE ABLE TO GATHER THAT DATA AFTER ALL... I'VE GOT TO MAKE A RUN FOR IT!
PEARL! THERE'S SOMEBODY OVER THERE!
WHAT ?!


AS A SCIENTIST, THAT'S A STATEMENT I CAN'T OVERLOOK!
PROFES-SOR ROWAN!!
BYRON!!
FATHER!!
HOW DID YOU GET HERE FROM UNDER-GROUND...?
YOU'RE NOT GOING ANY-WHERE!!
CATCH
HAND OVER THAT DEVICE—NOW!
AGH! STOP IT!



RMBL
YOU HAVE TO HANDLE IT WITH CARE! THE RADIO WAVES USED TO MEASURE THAT HOLE WILL SYN-CHRONIZE AND-!!
WZZZ
ZWOOP
WHAT'S THAT ?!
FSSSHHH


GRAB
GRAB
GRAB
FFF
FPP
PP
FF
PF
DIALGA! PALKIA!
CYRUS TOO!!
THEY GOT SUCKED INSIDE!

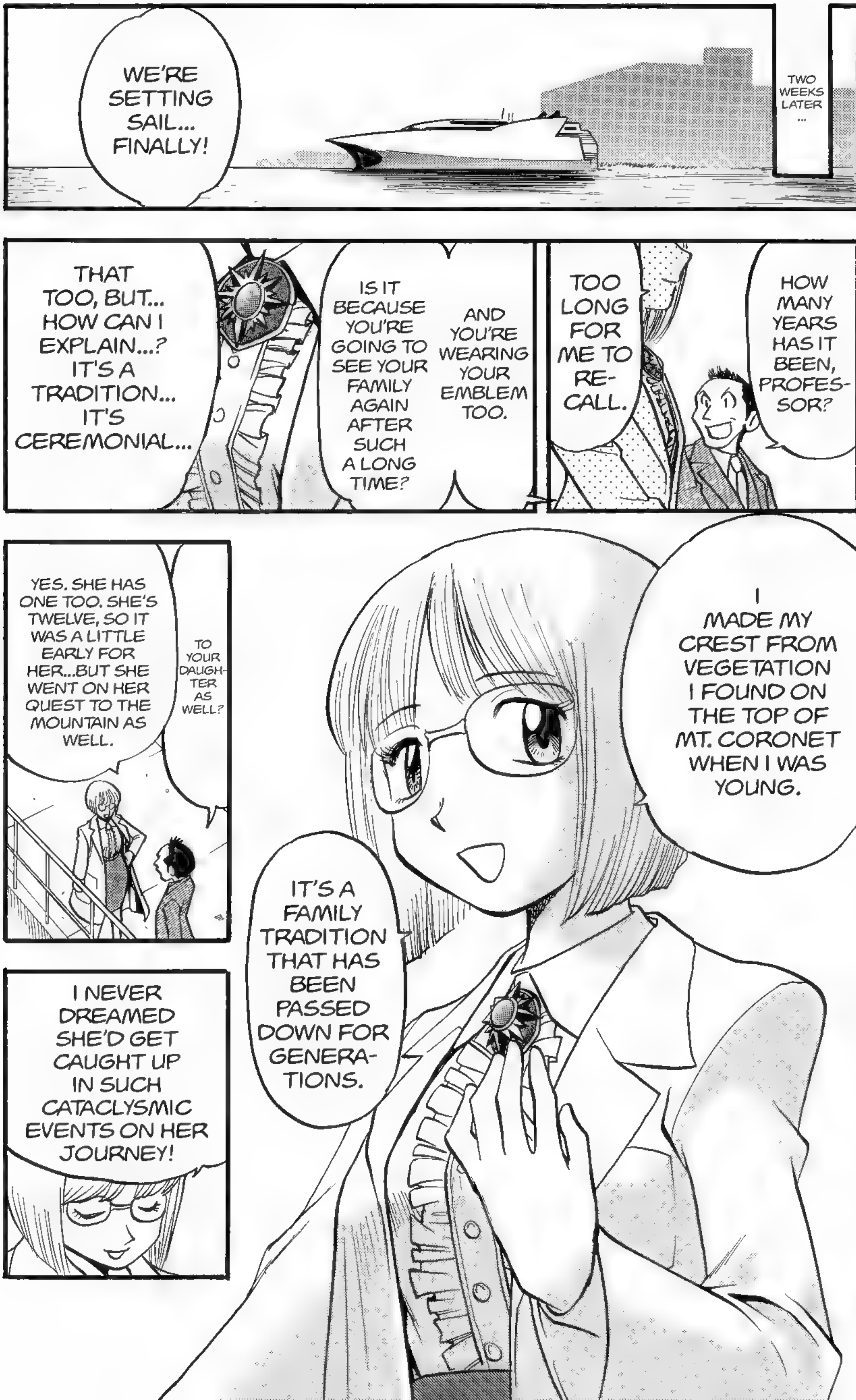

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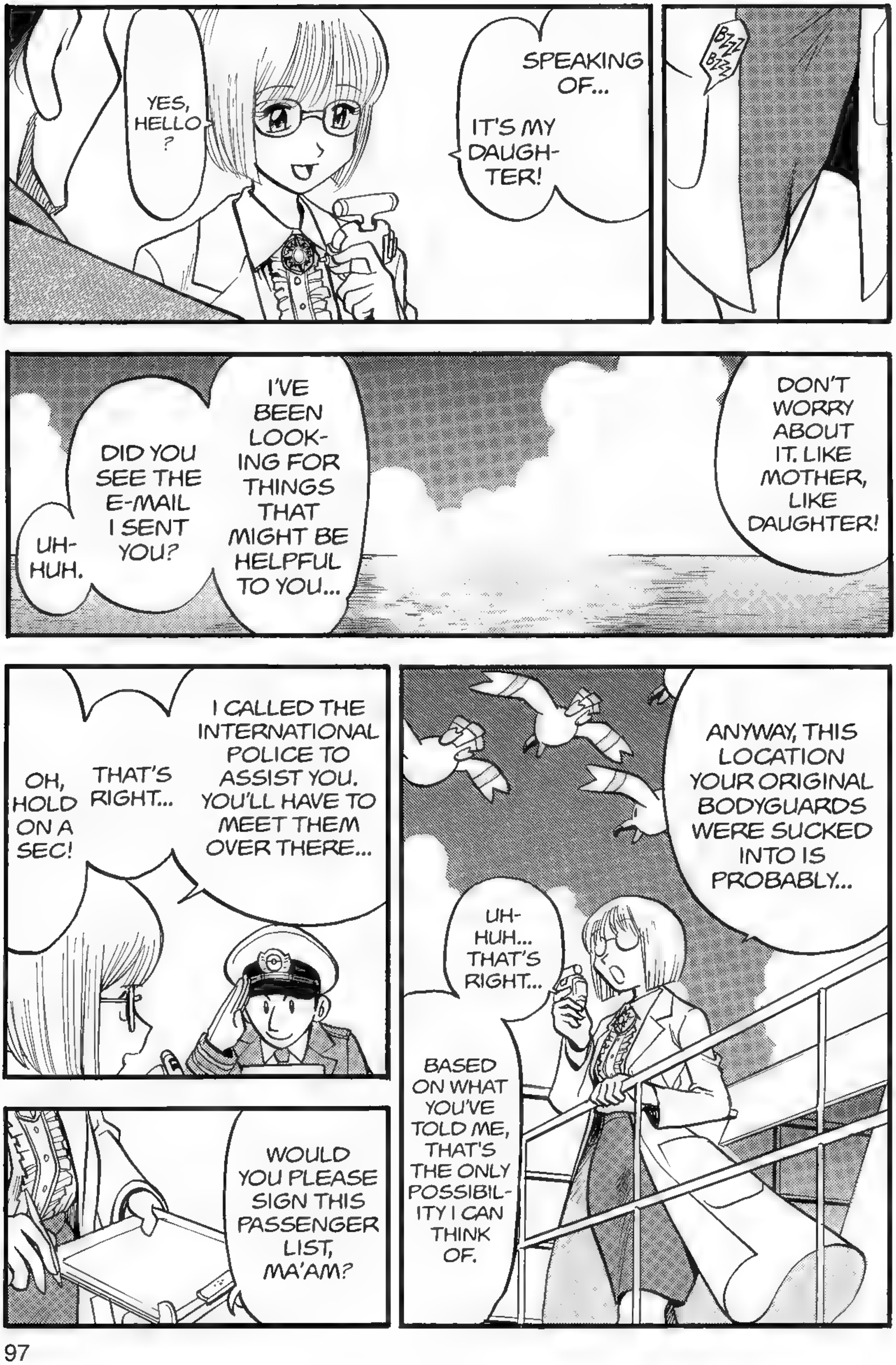

SEE? WHAT DID I TELL YOU? HEE HEE HEE!!
WAS THAT A POKÉMON INSIDE THAT HOLE?! ANSWER ME!!
YOUNG LADY...
DO YOU KNOW...
...ABOUT THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD?
IF YOU DON'T...
...THEN YOU'D BETTER LEARN FAST.
MY NAME IS CHARON.
REMEMBER THAT!


WHERE DID HE GO?!
KOF KOF!!
BAMMF
GOOD-BYE!!
BOOING
I WONDER WHAT IT IS...?
TOO BAD... YOU JUST MISSED HIM.
FWIPP
SMUK
WHOA!!
WHAT? YOU GOT THAT FROM HIM?
BLEH


FLINT?
IT'S ME, VOLKNER.
I'M AT THE SPRING PATH THAT LEADS TO THE SENDOFF SPRING.
THERE'S AN EERIE LOOKING HOLE IN THE SKY IN FRONT OF ME.
AHA HA HA!! AND...?
HOW DOES IT MAKE YOU FEEL?
EXCITED?
YEAH! REALLY EXCITED.
AND WHY IS THAT?
HM...
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
IT'S BECAUSE I SENSE THE PRESENCE OF A POWERFUL BEING INSIDE IT!

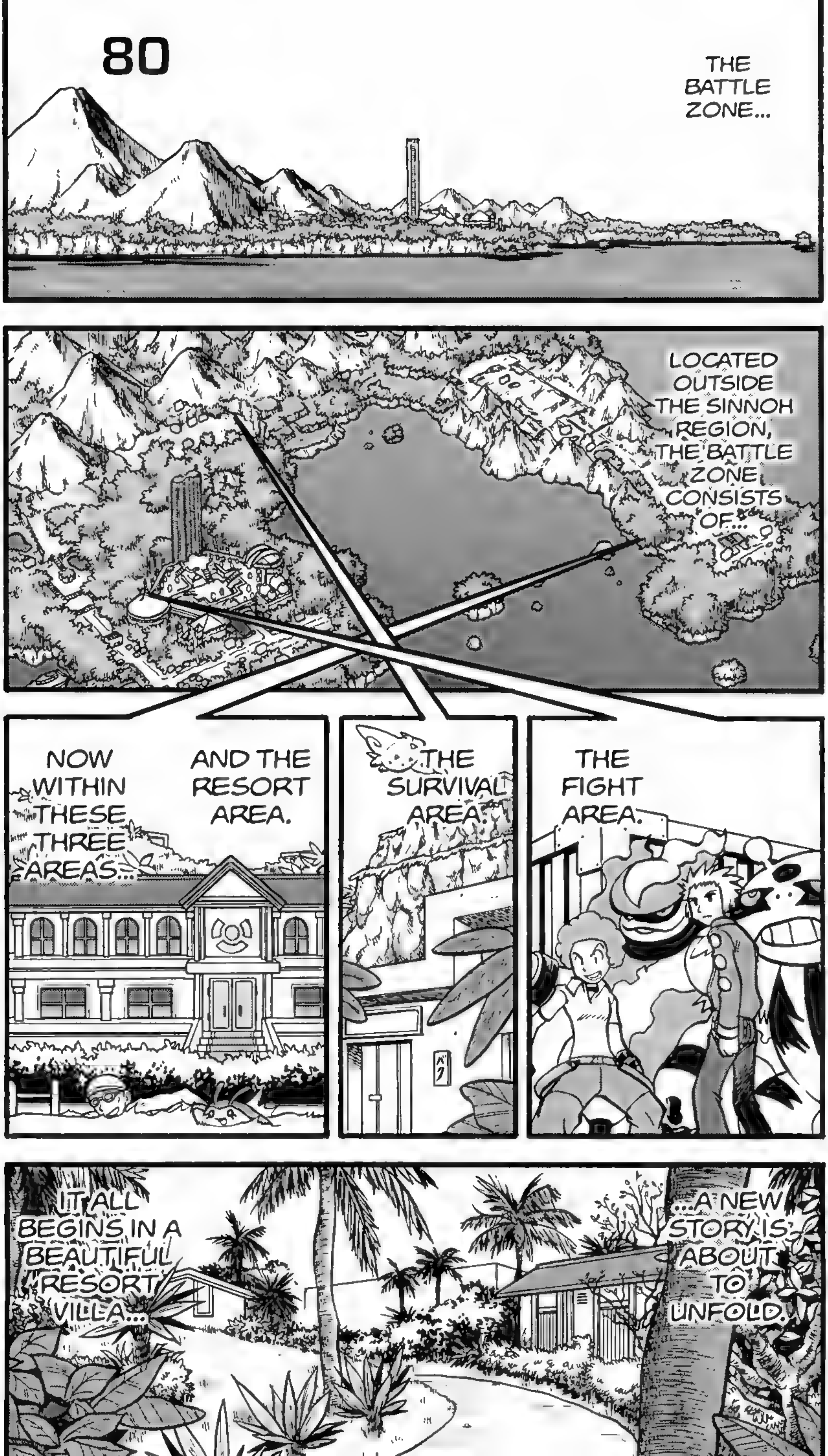

CAN YOU JOIN ME?
SURE.
WONDERFUL. LET'S INVESTIGATE THAT HOLE TOGETHER.
HURRY UP THOUGH.
WHERE ARE YOU?
ME? I'M AT...
...THE BATTLE ZONE!
EVERYBODY IS HEADING BACK...
...TO WHERE THEY BELONG...


TWO WEEKS LATER ...
WE'RE SETTING SAIL... FINALLY!
HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN, PROFESSOR?
TOO LONG FOR ME TO RECALL.
AND YOU'RE WEARING YOUR EMBLEM TOO.
IS IT BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO SEE YOUR FAMILY AGAIN AFTER SUCH A LONG TIME?
THAT TOO, BUT... HOW CAN I EXPLAIN...? IT'S A TRADITION... IT'S CEREMONIAL...
I MADE MY CREST FROM VEGETATION I FOUND ON THE TOP OF MT. CORONET WHEN I WAS YOUNG.
IT'S A FAMILY TRADITION THAT HAS BEEN PASSED DOWN FOR GENERATIONS.
TO YOUR DAUGHTER AS WELL?
YES. SHE HAS ONE TOO. SHE'S TWELVE, SO IT WAS A LITTLE EARLY FOR HER...BUT SHE WENT ON HER QUEST TO THE MOUNTAIN AS WELL.
I NEVER DREAMED SHE'D GET CAUGHT UP IN SUCH CATACLYSMIC EVENTS ON HER JOURNEY!


BZZZ BZZZ
SPEAKING OF...
IT'S MY DAUGHTER!
YES, HELLO?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. LIKE MOTHER, LIKE DAUGHTER!
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR THINGS THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO YOU...
DID YOU SEE THE E-MAIL I SENT YOU?
UH-HUH.
ANYWAY, THIS LOCATION YOUR ORIGINAL BODYGUARDS WERE SUCKED INTO IS PROBABLY...
UH-HUH... THAT'S RIGHT...
BASED ON WHAT YOU'VE TOLD ME, THAT'S THE ONLY POSSIBILITY I CAN THINK OF.
I CALLED THE INTERNATIONAL POLICE TO ASSIST YOU. YOU'LL HAVE TO MEET THEM OVER THERE...
THAT'S RIGHT...
OH, HOLD ON A SEC!
WOULD YOU PLEASE SIGN THIS PASSENGER LIST, MA'AM?



Yanase Berlitz
GOT THAT ...?
INVESTIGATE THE DISTORTION WORLD.
GO TO THE DISTORTION WORLD...
...PLATINUM!!
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THE BATTLE ZONE...
LOCATED OUTSIDE THE SINNOH REGION, THE BATTLE ZONE CONSISTS OF...
THE FIGHT AREA.
THE SURVIVAL AREA.
AND THE RESORT AREA.
NOW WITHIN THESE THREE AREAS...
IT ALL BEGINS IN A BEAUTIFUL RESORT VILLA...
...A NEW STORY IS ABOUT TO UNFOLD.


Dear Mother,
Thank you very much for all the advice. I'm writing to update you on my recent activities.
My dear friends Diamond and Pearl have set out on a journey...
...to investigate several legendary Pokémon they read about....
...in the journal of a mysterious man named Charon...
...who appears to have been working for Team Galactic before his disappearance.
There's something I have to take care of as well.
Today, I set foot in an area called the Battle Zone for the very first time.
I'm alone and I feel lonely. But I must face my fears.
Wish me well on my journey. At the moment, I'm hoping my meeting with an officer of the International Police goes smoothly.
I'll write again soon,
Your devoted daughter, Platinum

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Adventure 80
Leaping Past Lopunny


ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
DO YOU REALLY WANT TO LET GO OF SUCH A BEAUTIFUL VILLA?
YES, IT'S FINE.
GO AHEAD AND DO THE HONORS.
Seven Stone
SKRTCH SKRTCH
ALL RIGHT THEN. I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE REST.
I HEARD YOU CAME TO THE SINNOH REGION IN SEARCH OF RARE STONES.
YES. AND I BUILT THIS VILLA AS MY BASE OF OPERATIONS.
BUT I'VE GATHERED ALL THE STONES I CAME FOR.
THEY DON'T NEED A STONE COLLECTOR IN THIS REGION ANYMORE.
HELLO...? FATHER ...?
YES, I'M DEPARTING FOR THE HOENN REGION IN JUST A MOMENT...


THANKS FOR TAKING CARE OF THE REST OF THE PAPERWORK.
BOOM
SAFE TRAVELS!!
WOW... RICH PEOPLE! HA!
THEY CUSTOM BUILD A HUGE VILLA LIKE THIS AND THEN SELL IT OFF LIKE IT'S NOTHING TO THEM.
OH WELL.
LET'S SEE WHO THE NEW OWNER IS...
WHOA! THIS ONE'S WEALTHY TOO!!
SUPER SUPER **SUPER** WEALTHY!!
MEANWHILE, IN THE SURVIVAL AREA...
BATTLEGROUND
Members Only
THE BATTLEGROUND...
ALL RIGHT! LET'S HAVE OURSELVES A BATTLE!!
ALAKAZAM, **PSYCHIC**!!
MY POKÉMON IS FULL OF LIFE, YOU KNOW.
BLISSEY, **HYPER BEAM**.
YEAH! LET'S POKÉMON BATTLE!! HA HA HA...
CLAYDOL, **CALM MIND**!!
NO WAY AM I GONNA LOSE...
ARCANINE, **FLARE BLITZ**.


THUMP
DONK
SMAK
SH
KRA
THE BATTLE-GROUND.
THIS IS WHERE SKILLED POKÉMON TRAINERS GO TO TAKE PART IN **ADVANCED** POKÉMON BATTLES.
BATTLEGROUND
Members Only
LOOK AT THEM GO!
HM ...


MAYBE ...
SHLURP
...I'LL MEET TRAINERS WITH VALUABLE INFORMATION HERE.
TIME TO START MY INVESTI-GATION!!
INTERNATIONAL POLICE EQUIPMENT NO. 1!!!
EXCELLENT SCOPE!!
PLUNK
SET UP !!
ZOOM UP!!
SQUEEKSQUEEK
SQUEEK
KRIK
OOPS!



SEEMS LIKE THIS ALWAYS HAPPENS WHENEVER I TRY TO SAVE A FEW BUCKS...
HM... PERHAPS SHOPPING IN THE DISCOUNT SECTION WASN'T SUCH A GOOD IDEA AFTER ALL...
GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO... INFILTRATE!!
INTERNATIONAL POLICE EQUIPMENT NO. 2! INVISIBLE CLOTH!!
SHFL SHFL
HA HA HA... I'VE MANAGED TO INFILTRATE THE BATTLEGROUND—WHICH IS ONLY OPEN TO MEMBERS.
SLIPPED RIGHT BY EVERYONE!
HOLD ON A MINUTE!!
HMPH...
FWIP FWIP
AH!!
WHO'S HIDING UNDER THERE?!
RUMSH
HEY, YOU! YOU LOOK SUSPICIOUS!
MY BIG BROTHER IS ONE OF THE ELITE FOUR, YOU KNOW!! DON'T MAKE ME GO AND CALL HIM!


HE NOTICED THAT I WAS OUT OF THE ORDINARY! HOW PERCEPTIVE!!
FWIP FWIP FWIP
HEY!
FSSH
AH!
I WAS HOPING TO GATHER SOME INFORMATION HERE BEFORE ATTENDING MY MEETING...
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE IT MIGHT BE SHREWDER FOR ME TO HEAD THERE POST HASTE!
WHAT A WON-DERFUL VILLA!
THIS WILL BE THE PERFECT PLACE FOR A HOME BASE RIGHT BY THE BATTLE ZONE.


PLEASE SIGN THIS... AND THIS...
OF COURSE.
platinum
AND THAT COMPLETES OUR TRANSACTION!
EXCUSE ME...
IS THAT THE PERSON I'M SUPPOSED TO MEET?
I WAS TOLD MY CONTACT WOULD MOVE INTO THIS VILLA TODAY...
DOES THAT MEAN ...?!
...THIS GIRL IS MY CONTACT ?!
LUCKILY WE AGREED UPON A CODE TO IDENTIFY EACH OTHER.
BUT BEFORE I TRY THAT...
...I'LL CHECK OUT HER BATTLE SKILLS!
TOSS
EQUIPMENT NO. 3! VARIABLE ROPE!!


KLATTER
ZOOP
TING
LOPUNNY!!
FOCUS BLAST!!
KA THUNK



ODD.
VERY ODD.
I THOUGHT FOR SURE I SENSED SOME-BODY'S PRES-ENCE...
A... ROCK?
HM.
SPLEN-DID!
KE-RAK
WHAT?
HUH?
EQUIP-MENT NO. 4! PRO-TECTION ROCK!
YOU'RE AS SKILLED AS THEY SAY.
"FAITH CAN...
AH!!
"...MOVE MOUNTAINS."


THE SECRET...
...CODE!
SO YOU'RE THE PERSON I'M SUPPOSED TO MEET?
MY CONTACT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL POLICE?
PRECISELY.
THE **REAL** PERSON?
AS REAL AS EVER!
OR...ARE YOU JUST ABOUT TO GO ON A TOUR OF SANDGEM PARK OR SOMETHING?
NO.
OR... MAYBE IN REALITY YOU'RE A COMEDIAN?
NO.
I DID IT! THIS MEETING IS A SUCCESS! I MANAGED TO MEET THE PERSON I WAS SUPPOSED TO!!
A HUGE SUCCESS, RIGHT, RAPIDASH, EMPOLEON, LOPUNNY?
YES.


NOT TO WORRY! I AM AN INTERNATIONAL POLICE OFFICER. THE GENUINE ARTICLE.
AT TIMES, I'LL BE ON TOP OF AN AERIAL TRAMWAY.
AT TIMES, I'LL BE BEHIND A TOWER.
AT TIMES, I'LL BE ON A SHIP.
...MY COMRADES ARE ALL OVER THE GLOBE...
AT THIS VERY MOMENT ...
WE LITERALLY TRAVEL ALL AROUND THE WORLD TO DO OUR JOB!!
... SEARCHING FOR EVIL-DOERS!!


SO... WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
YOUR GIVEN NAME? YOUR CODE NAME?
SOME-THING TO CALL YOU BY...?
"LOOKER."
THAT'S WHAT EVERYBODY CALLS ME.
VERY WELL.
AND I AM PLATINUM BERLITZ.
PROFESSOR ROWAN AND MY FATHER WERE MY TEACHERS.
I'M A DEDI-CATED POKÉ-MON TRAINER OF THE SINNOH REGION.

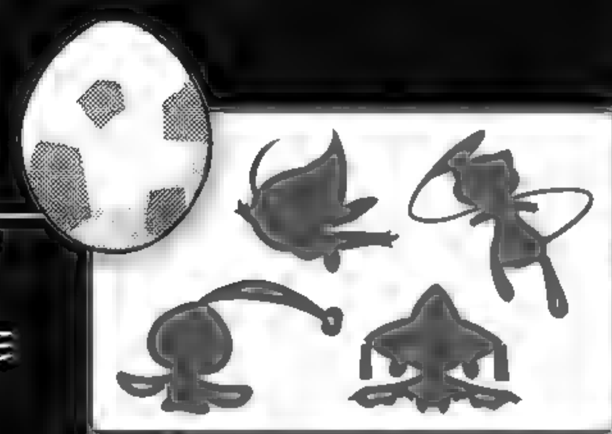

LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING TO BE PARTNERS!
NICE TO MEET YOU.
IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU.
ALL MANNER OF SKILLED POKÉMON TRAINERS GATHER HERE AT THE BATTLE FRONTIER INSIDE THE BATTLE ZONE.
FAMOUS TRAINERS TOO. I'M POSITIVE THAT SOMEWHERE AMONGST THEM...
...IS SOMEONE WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE EVILDOERS I'M PURSUING.
NOT TO MENTION ...
...SOMEONE WITH INFORMATION ...
...ABOUT THE DISTORTION WORLD...
...THAT YOU ARE SEEKING!!

BATTLE FRONTIER RULE BOOK

THE BATTLE FRONTIER HAS FIVE DIFFERENT FACILITIES WHERE YOU CAN TAKE PART IN A VARIETY OF POKÉMON BATTLES. OF COURSE, THESE BATTLES ARE GOVERNED BY STRICT RULES (BELOW), SO WE REQUEST THAT CHALLENGERS READ THROUGH THEM CAREFULLY.

Basic Rule ①

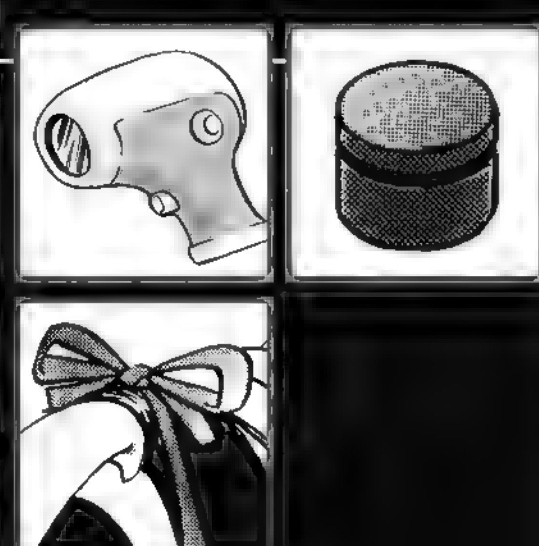
Limits on Pokémon Usage



WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A LIMIT AS TO WHAT KIND OF POKÉMON YOU MAY USE WHEN PARTICIPATING IN A BATTLE AT EACH OF THE FACILITIES. THE USE OF LEGENDARY POKÉMON MUST BE PRE-APPROVED. POKÉMON EGGS MAY NOT PARTICIPATE.

Basic Rule ②

Bringing Items and Use of Items



YOU ARE ALLOWED TO BRING ITEMS INTO BATTLE HALL. YOU MAY ALSO BRING ITEMS INTO BATTLE TOWER, BUT YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BRING MORE THAN ONE POKÉMON WITH THE SAME ITEM. IN BATTLE FACTORY, BATTLE ARCADE AND BATTLE CASTLE, YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BRING IN YOUR OWN ITEMS. HOWEVER, IN BATTLE FACTORY, YOU MAY USE AN ITEM IF THE RENTAL POKÉMON IS HOLDING ONE. FOR BATTLE ARCADE, YOU MAY USE AN ITEM IF THE ROULETTE MACHINE LANDS ON AN ITEM BOX. FOR BATTLE CASTLE, YOU MAY USE AN ITEM ONCE YOU BUY AN ITEM USING CASTLE POINTS.

Basic Rule ③

Allowable Moves

EACH POKÉMON WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO USE FOUR MOVES. THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO USE ANY OTHER MOVE APART FROM THE FOUR WHICH YOU HAVE REGISTERED IN ADVANCE.


Adventure 81
Deprogramming Porygon-Z

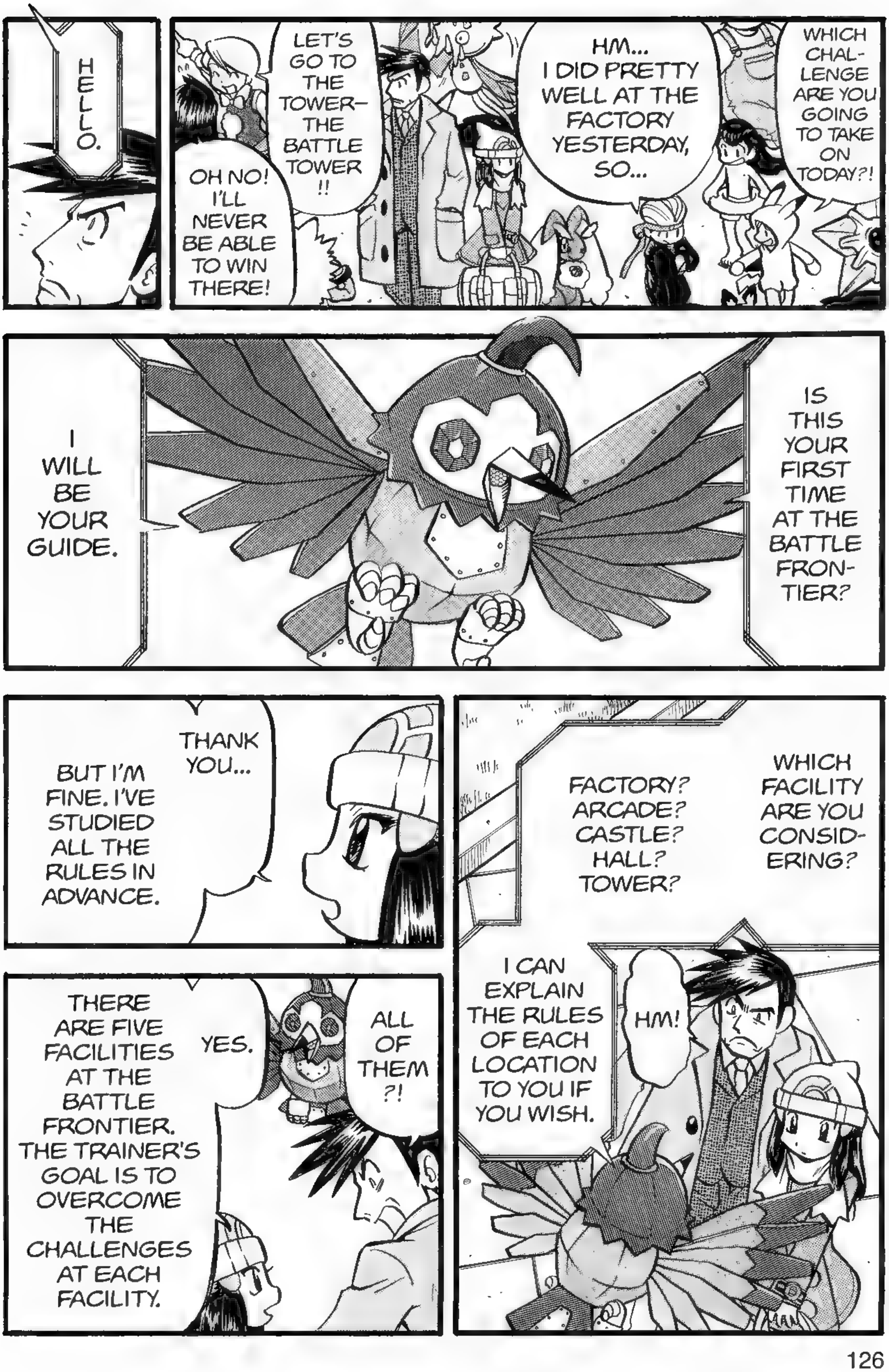

GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY.
AS ALWAYS, I'M SURE WE'LL HAVE MANY POKÉMON TRAINERS HERE TODAY TO CHALLENGE YOU. SO PULL UP YOUR SOCKS AND PREPARE TO FACE THEM!
AFTER ALL, WE ARE...
...THE **FRONTIER BRAIN**!
THAT'S IT FOR THIS MORNING'S MEETING.
YOU MAY HEAD BACK TO YOUR FACILITIES NOW.
DAHLIA, TO BATTLE ARCADE!
THOR-TON...
...TO BATTLE FAC-TORY!
AND ARGENTA, HEAD OVER TO BATTLE HALL!


SO, YOU'RE HERE ...!
BONEMERANG!
SWSH
SWSH
SWSH
CHUK
RILEY!
SNAG
THIS BATTLE FRONTIER IS AS GOOD AS THE ONES I'VE SEEN IN OTHER REGIONS.
THANKS.
IT'S BEEN A MONTH SINCE THIS PLACE OPENED.
AND IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOING TO BE A HUGE SUC-CESS.
FROM WHAT I HEAR, YOU'VE HAD A PRETTY ROUGH TIME LATELY ...


YOU WERE THERE, WEREN'T YOU? AT THE SCENE OF...THE INCIDENT...
STOP!!
HEY!
KLATR
BUT...THE PERSON I FOUGHT...
...DISAP-PEARED.
AND THREE OTHERS...
WELL, I'M CONVINCED THEY WENT SOMEWHERE TO REGROUP.


I CAN HARDLY SENSE AN AURA FROM THIS MACHINE ANYMORE.
IN OTHER WORDS... I'VE RUN OUT OF LEADS.
I SEE...
I WAS WONDERING IF THERE WAS A WAY TO FIX THIS MACHINE SO IT COULD FLY AGAIN...
HM...
I KNOW OF A GUY WHO COULD DO IT!
YOU DO?!
SOMEONE WHO'S REALLY GOOD AT INVENTING AND FIXING GADGETS.
HOLD ON A SEC.
MR. PALMER, THE GATE'S READY!
GREAT!!


OPEN THE GATE!!
RMBLRMBL
OOOH..
MUMBLE
MUMBL


HELLO.
LET'S GO TO THE TOWER— THE BATTLE TOWER!!
OH NO! I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO WIN THERE!
HM... I DID PRETTY WELL AT THE FACTORY YESTERDAY, SO...
WHICH CHAL-LENGE ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE ON TODAY?!
IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME AT THE BATTLE FRON-TIER?
I WILL BE YOUR GUIDE.
THANK YOU...
BUT I'M FINE. I'VE STUDIED ALL THE RULES IN ADVANCE.
WHICH FACILITY ARE YOU CONSID-ERING?
FACTORY? ARCADE? CASTLE? HALL? TOWER?
I CAN EXPLAIN THE RULES OF EACH LOCATION TO YOU IF YOU WISH.
HM!
ALL OF THEM?!
YES.
THERE ARE FIVE FACILITIES AT THE BATTLE FRONTIER. THE TRAINER'S GOAL IS TO OVERCOME THE CHALLENGES AT EACH FACILITY.


AT THE BATTLE FACTORY, YOU CAN'T USE YOUR OWN POKÉMON...
YOU HAVE TO BATTLE WITH RENTED POKÉMON.
IN THE BATTLE ARCADE, YOU SPIN A ROULETTE WHEEL BEFORE THE BATTLE...
...AND WHATEVER THE WHEEL LANDS ON DETERMINES THE PLACE, SITUATION, AND STATUS AILMENTS OF YOUR BATTLE.
AT BATTLE CASTLE, THE CHALLENGER MOVES THROUGH THE CASTLE BY BORROWING ITEMS AND BERRIES...
...AND GATHERING INFORMATION ON THE OPPONENT'S POKÉMON.
AND AT BATTLE HALL, WE SPECIFY WHICH TYPE OF POKÉMON WE WANT TO FACE FOR A ONE-ON-ONE POKÉMON BATTLE.

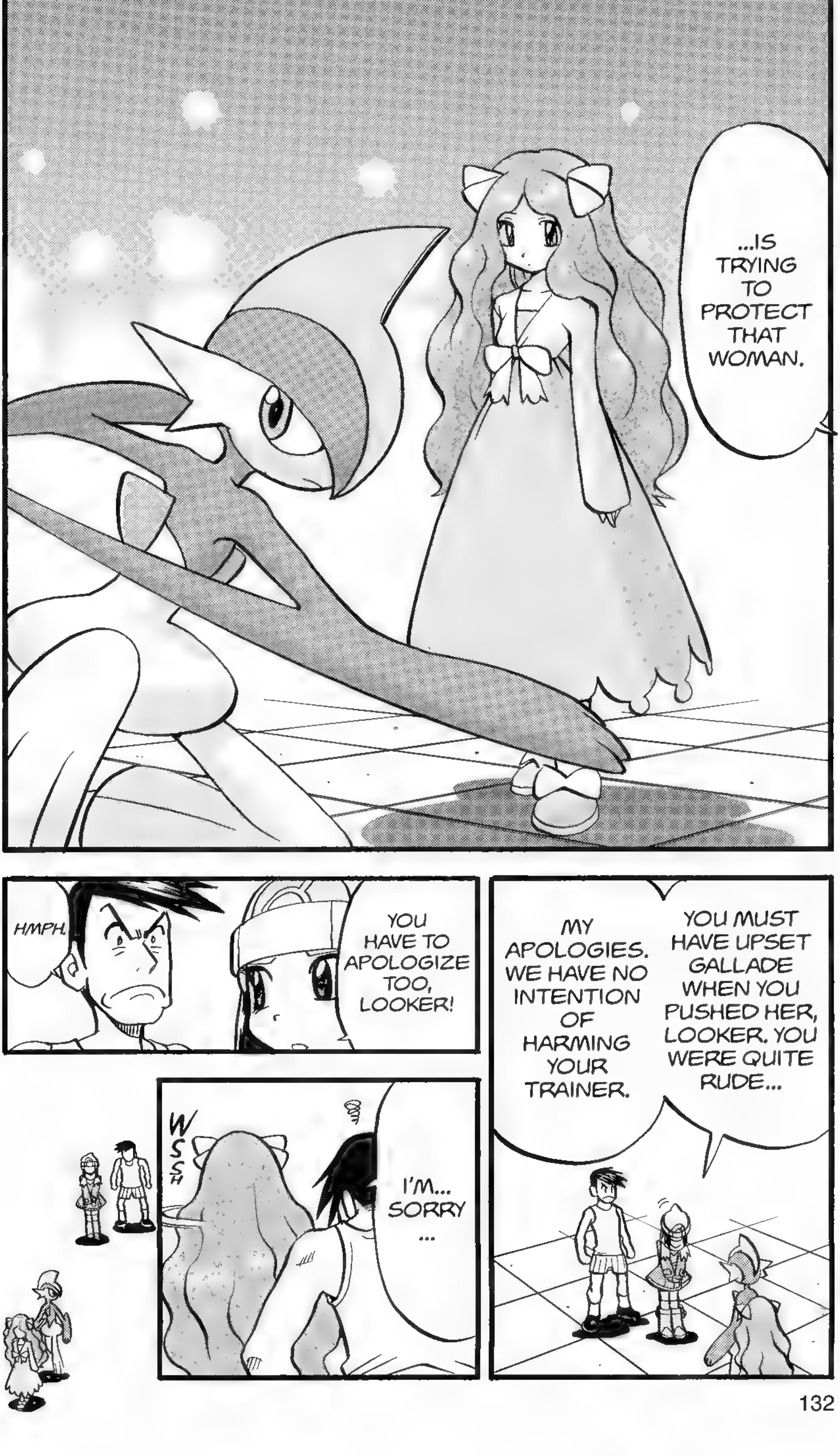


I DON'T THINK I NEED TO EXPLAIN THE RULES OF BATTLE TOWER.
IT'S JUST A STRAIGHT-FORWARD POKÉMON BATTLE.
THE CHALLENGERS CONTINUE BATTLING TO MOVE UP THE LADDER.
THIS IS THE MOST FAMOUS OF THE BATTLE FACILITIES—AND THERE'S ONE JUST LIKE IT IN JOHTO AND HOENN AS WELL.
HM!
I WAS BRIEFED THAT YOU WERE A FINE LADY FROM A SCHOLARLY FAMILY, BUT...YOUR KNOWLEDGE IS TRULY AMAZING!
I'M IMPRES-SED!
WE DON'T NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE! NOW GO, GO!
Shoo! Shoo!
BUT KNOWL-EDGE IS ONLY SUPERFI-CIAL.
YOU CAN'T ACQUIRE TRUE UNDERSTANDING WITHOUT PERSONAL EXPERIENCE.
THAT'S WHY I MUST BATTLE...
...IN ALL THESE VENUES!


ATTA-GIRL!!
YOU'RE SENSIBLE—AND REFINED. A TRUE LADY!!
NOT ME, MY LADY!!
OH, NOW YOU'RE JUST FLATTERING ME...
YES?
YOU ADDRESSED ME?
HUH?


I WAS SPEAKING TO LADY PLATINUM OVER THERE, NOT YOU.
NO ...
SWISH
WOOSH
WHAT'S GOING ON ...?!
WHOA!! I GUESS THIS IS WHAT YOU'D CALL A "BOLT OUT OF THE BLUE"!


SWISH
WHAT THE ...?
HEY!
SNIKR
CUT IT OUT!
SNAK
BUT HIS ATTACK DIDN'T EVEN HIT ME!!
IT'S PSYCHO CUT!!
WHAT GIVES ?!
DRUP
DRUP
DRUP
MATERIALIZED BLADES CREATED BY GALLADE'S MIND CAME FLYING AT YOU!
LOOKS LIKE GAL-LADE ...


...IS TRYING TO PROTECT THAT WOMAN.
HMPH.
YOU HAVE TO APOLOGIZE TOO, LOOKER!
YOU MUST HAVE UPSET GALLADE WHEN YOU PUSHED HER, LOOKER. YOU WERE QUITE RUDE...
MY APOLOGIES. WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF HARMING YOUR TRAINER.
WSSH
I'M... SORRY ...


SHE WENT RIGHT IN WITHOUT WAITING HER TURN IN LINE!!
THAT'S BATTLE CASTLE, ONE OF THE BATTLE FACILITIES!!
WHOA!!
I BET SHE'S THE FRONTIER BRAIN—THE STRONGEST TRAINER AT BATTLE CASTLE!
THAT GALLADE SHE'S GOT WITH HER MUST BE EXTREMELY POWERFUL...!
SHE DOES LOOK KIND OF MYSTERIOUS...
MAYBE SHE KNOWS SOMETHING THAT WOULD HELP US.
ALL RIGHT THEN! LET'S BEGIN OUR INVESTIGATION BY TAKING ON THE CHALLENGE OF BATTLE CASTLE!
AGREED!
BUT FIRST... YOU NEED TO GET SOME NEW CLOTHES, LOOKER!


HMPH.
THIS SURE IS A LONG LINE.
YES. A LOT OF TRAINERS ARE HERE TO PAR-TICIPATE.
BUT ACTUALLY ...
...THE LINE IS MOVING PRETTY FAST.
PROBABLY BECAUSE MOST OF THE CHALLENGERS LEAVE AFTER GETTING DEFEATED IN THEIR FIRST OR SECOND BATTLE.
SNFFL
SNFFL
MUST BE A TOUGH BATTLE-GROUND.
YES. AND WE'RE ONLY PERMITTED TO FACE THE FRONTIER BRAIN IN THE TWENTY-FIRST BATTLE.
TWENTY-FIRST?!
NEXT CHAL-LENGER, PLEASE!


YOU MUST BE MISS PLATINUM BERLITZ.
THAT'S RIGHT.
WELL THEN, LET'S BEGIN THE FIRST BATTLE— A SINGLE BATTLE USING THREE POKÉMON.
GO !!
BOOM



LADY CAITLIN IS IN A BAD MOOD TODAY...
...BUT THIS WILL SOOTHE HER.
HER BATTLE SKILLS ARE PRETTY IMPRESSIVE.
...AND THE CHALLENGER WINS!!
SO HER NAME IS CAITLIN!
THE FRONTIER BRAIN!
ARE YOU HER VALET OR SOMETHING?
AHA !!


MY APOLOGIES FOR NOT INTRODUCING MYSELF BEFORE.
I AM DARACH ...
...THE FACILITATOR AND JUDGE HERE. PLEASED TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE.
HUF
HUF
HUF
MY POKÉMON ARE GETTING FATIGUED ALREADY AFTER JUST ONE BATTLE...
IF ONLY I HAD A BERRY WITH ME...
OH, NOW I REMEMBER!
IN THIS ARENA, I CAN BORROW ITEMS FOR MY POKÉMON, CAN'T I?
DO I NEED TO PAY FOR THEM?
MY WALLET. MY **WALLET** ...!
HOLD ON...
YOU DON'T RENT ITEMS WITH MONEY HERE. YOU EXCHANGE CASTLE POINTS FOR THEM INSIDE BATTLE CASTLE.
CASTLE POINTS ?
YES.
WHATEVER YOU DO HERE, YOU'LL NEED CASTLE POINTS FOR.


ONE CP* TO GATHER INFORMATION ON YOUR OPPONENT.
TWO CP TO BORROW BERRIES AND ITEMS.
*CASTLE POINT(S)
TEN CP TO HEAL YOUR POKÉMON.
YOU MUST MANAGE YOUR CP WISELY TO MOVE AHEAD IN BATTLE CASTLE.
M-MAN...
...AGE?
NUTS!!
HOW CAN A MILLIONAIRE WHO BUYS RESORT VILLAS WITH A SINGLE SIGNATURE MANAGE THEIR FINANCES?!
I'VE GOT A FEELING WE'RE ALREADY IN BIG TROUBLE!!


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Getting the Drop on Gallade I

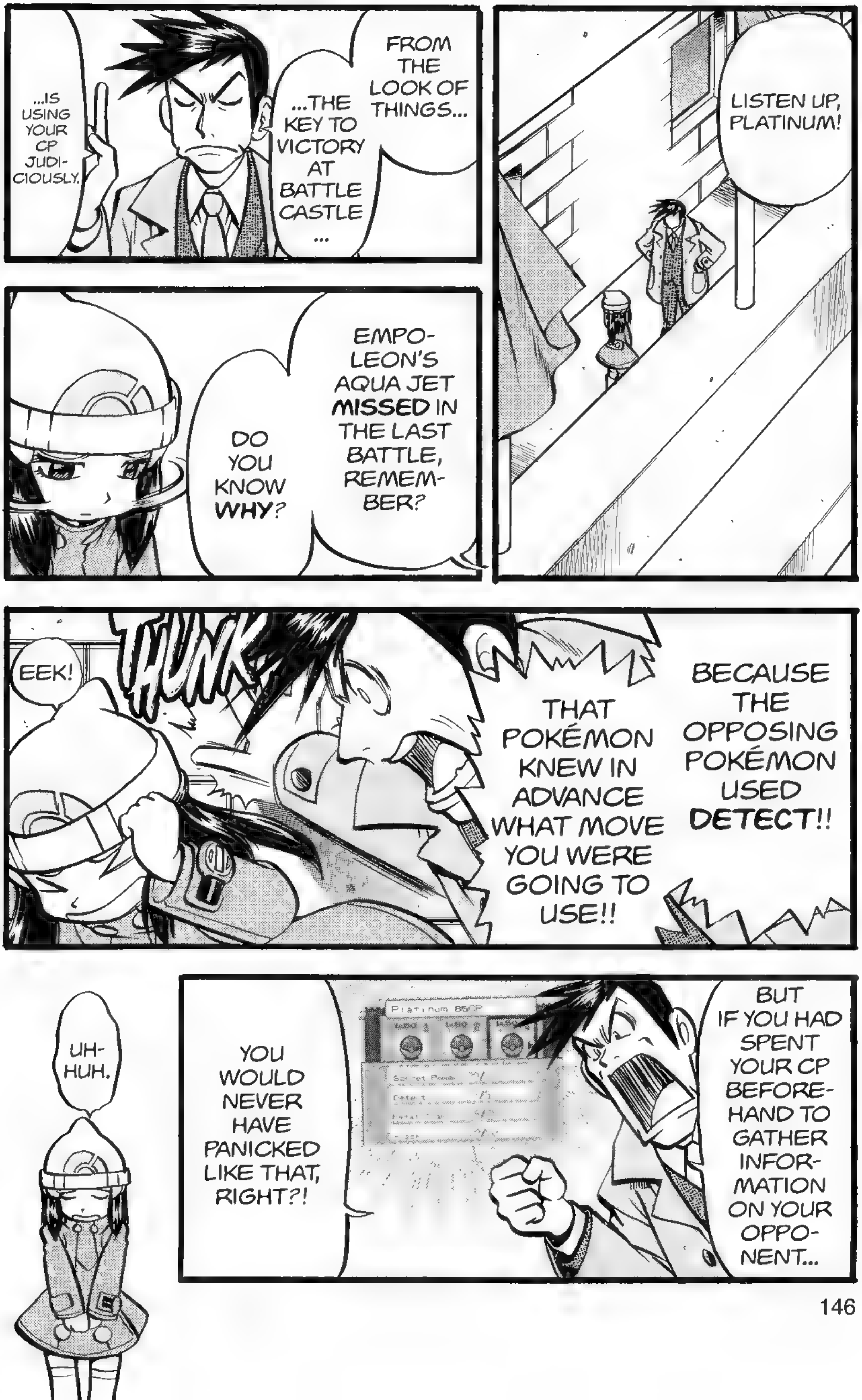

SMAK
LOPUNNY, DIZZY PUNCH!!
AND THE CHAL-LENGER, PLATINUM, WINS THE SIXTH BATTLE OF THE SECOND SET!
SET 2 BATTLE 6
TOTAL 13
DARACH... REWARD HER WITH CASTLE POINTS.
YES, MILADY!
MISS PLATINUM, AT LADY CAITLIN'S BEHEST, I WOULD LIKE TO AWARD YOU CASTLE POINTS.
BLIP BLIP BLIP
26CP
Platinum
Add 26 CP
THE BATTLE FRONTIER INSIDE THE BATTLE ZONE...
PLATINUM BERLITZ IS BATTLING INSIDE ONE OF ITS VENUES— THE BATTLE CASTLE!
YOU RECEIVE 10 CP AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CHALLENGE.
AND EVERY TIME YOU WIN A BATTLE, YOU RECEIVE MORE CPS.
YOU WILL CONTINUE TO COLLECT POINTS...
...THAT YOU CAN USE...
...TO HEAL YOUR POKÉMON AND BORROW ITEMS.


SO... HOW ARE YOU GOING TO USE YOUR CP?!
AND ARE YOU GOING TO USE THEM WISELY, MISS PLATINUM?
SHE RECEIVED 26CP, SO NOW PLATINUM HAS 85CP IN ALL!
Platinum
Total: 85 CP
UMM... UHH...
I THINK MAYBE I OUGHT TO USE THE POINTS TO HEAL MY POKÉMON...
BUT IF I USE TOO MANY FOR THAT, I MIGHT NOT HAVE ENOUGH POINTS LEFT TO GATHER INFORMATION ON MY OPPONENTS...
SO MAYBE IT'S BEST FOR ME TO USE THEM TO BORROW BERRIES AND ITEMS ...?
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, MISS PLATINUM? ARE YOU GOING TO USE YOUR CP? OR SAVE THEM?
HMM!!
USE THEM?! OR SAVE THEM?!
I CAN'T DECIDE WHAT TO USE THEM FOR! SO I GUESS... I'LL JUST SAVE THEM!!


HEH HEH ...
THEN PLEASE MOVE ON TO YOUR NEXT BATTLE.
HER POKÉMON ARE EMPOLEON, RAPIDASH AND LOPUNNY...
ALL FINE POWERFUL POKÉMON!
ADMITTEDLY, HER BATTLE SKILLS ARE NOTE-WORTHY.
BUT ONE CANNOT CONQUER THIS CASTLE WITH BATTLE SKILLS **ALONE.**
HER **MANAGE-MENT** SKILLS MUST BE AS GOOD AS HER BATTLE SKILLS.
HE ...
HE NOTICED !!
BUT IT SEEMS ...
...THIS YOUNG LADY HAS NO MANAGEMENT SKILLS **WHAT-SOEVER.** I'LL REPORT TO LADY CAITLIN ABOUT THIS AT ONCE.
BOOM
EMPOLEON!!


AQUA JET!!
FWOOSH
I... I MISSED !!
RSH RSH RSH
SLASH
CHANGE !!
RAPIDASH!!
CRUSH CLAW !!
BOM


WUUF
AND THE CHAL-LENGER, PLATI-NUM, WINS THE SEVENTH BATTLE OF THE SECOND SET!!
COME HERE FOR A SEC!
NURRRRGH!
PHEW.



LISTEN UP, PLATINUM!
FROM THE LOOK OF THINGS...
...THE KEY TO VICTORY AT BATTLE CASTLE...
...IS USING YOUR CP JUDICIOUSLY.
EMPOLEON'S AQUA JET MISSED IN THE LAST BATTLE, REMEMBER?
DO YOU KNOW WHY?
BECAUSE THE OPPOSING POKÉMON USED DETECT!!
THAT POKÉMON KNEW IN ADVANCE WHAT MOVE YOU WERE GOING TO USE!!
THUNK
EEK!
BUT IF YOU HAD SPENT YOUR CP BEFOREHAND TO GATHER INFORMATION ON YOUR OPPONENT...
Platinum 85CP
YOU WOULD NEVER HAVE PANICKED LIKE THAT, RIGHT?!
UH-HUH.


BUT...I DON'T KNOW HOW TO CHOOSE HOW MUCH CP TO USE AND FOR WHAT!
I'VE NEVER HAD TO DIVVY UP A LIMITED AMOUNT OF RESOURCES BEFORE...
COME ON, PLATINUM! USE YOUR CP. YOU HAVE TO MANAGE YOUR CP WISELY, BUT THAT INCLUDES SPENDING THEM!
I'M TRYING ...
QUIET !!
I READ EVERY INCH OF THE RULEBOOK WHILE YOU WERE HAVING YOUR POKÉMON BATTLES!!
TEN CP PER POKÉMON TO HEAL THEM!
EIGHT CP TO HEAL THE POWER POINT OF A MOVE!!
TWO CP EACH TO BORROW A CHERI BERRY, CHESTO BERRY, OR PECHA BERRY!!
FAP
LET'S REVIEW IT ONE MORE TIME, SHALL WE?!
ONE CP TO LOOK INSIDE THE POKÉ BALL OF YOUR OPPONENT !!
TWO CP TO CHECK THE STATS AND ABILITY OF THE OPPO-NENT'S POKÉ-MON!!

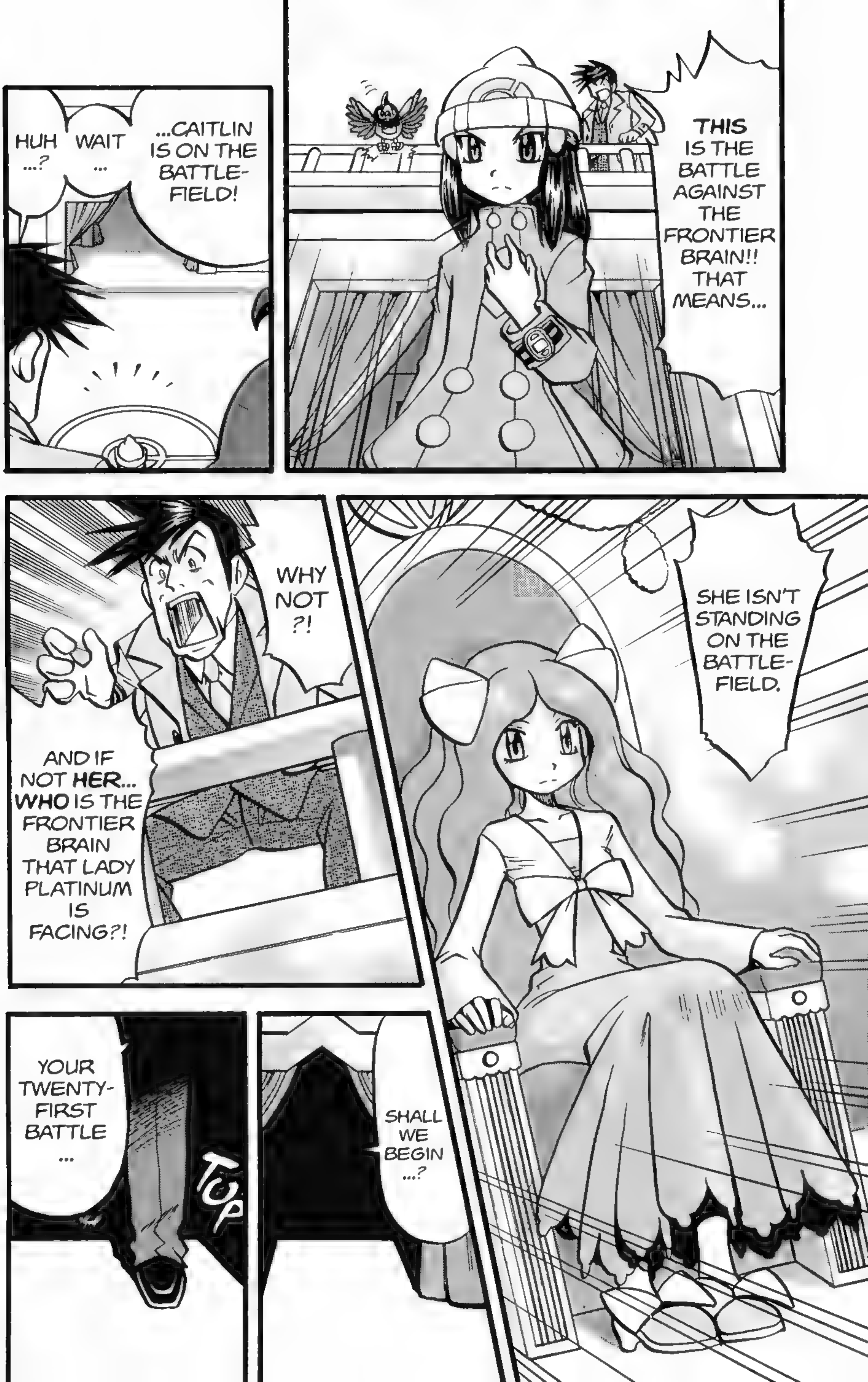

NO ONE HAS EVER SPOKEN SO HARSHLY TO ME BEFORE. NOT MY BUTLER SEBASTIAN OR...
... ANYONE ELSE WHO HAS ASSISTED ME IN THE PAST.
WHAT ?!
I ADMIT THAT I'M BAD AT MANAGING RESOURCES... BUT...
COULD YOU TEACH ME IN A GENTLER MANNER?
HUH ?
WHAT'S WRONG ...?
LOOKER ...
SNORT
BUT THINK ABOUT WHAT I SAID!
INTERNATIONAL POLICE EQUIPMENT NO. 5! GALACTICA JET!!
OH, OKAY. I'M SORRY. I GUESS I WASN'T CONSIDERING YOUR FEELINGS... I'LL GIVE YOU SOME SPACE.
KOFF KOFF
WZZZZZ



BAM
EYOOP
WHOA !!
POP
WHOA ...
BSS
SNRT
BSS
POP
BSS
WHOA ...
PTT
PTT
BSS
I'VE NEVER BEEN GOOD AT TALKING TO PEOPLE! I DON'T KNOW HOW! I ALWAYS FORGET TO CONSIDER THEIR FEELINGS!
THAT WAS THOUGHT-LESS OF ME...
SHE'S YOUNG ENOUGH TO BE MY DAUGHTER. I SHOULDN'T HAVE SPOKEN TO HER SO RUDELY.
SIGH ...
I KNOW I HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE BOTH STRONG AND SENSITIVE!
OMMM
OMMM
I CAN'T JUST SHOUT MY IDEAS AT OTHERS!
CALM DOWN, CALM DOWN...
THAT'S WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR!! AND WE MUST WORK TOGETHER TO ACCOMPLISH OUR GOALS!!
WHAT DID I COME TO THE BATTLE ZONE FOR ANYWAY? AS AN INTERNATIONAL POLICE OFFICER, MY TASK IS TO LEARN ABOUT THE MOVEMENTS OF THAT EVIL ORGANIZATION TEAM GALACTIC!
AND LADY PLATINUM IS SEEK-ING INFOR-MATION ABOUT THE DISTORTION WORLD.


A SKILLED TRAINER IS BOUND TO HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE THINGS...
AND IN ORDER TO GET **CLOSE** TO SKILLED TRAINERS TO QUESTION THEM, WE MUST KEEP WINNING!!
HUH ??
WHERE IS THE ROOM THEY'RE HAVING THEIR POKÉMON BATTLE IN?
IT'S EASY TO GET LOST IN SUCH A BIG PLACE...
HM...
PORTRAITS OF ALL THE CHÂTELAINE AND CHÂTELAINE ANCESTORS...
THE LORD OF THIS CASTLE, ITS FRONTIER BRAIN, CAITLIN... IS A LADY.
PLATINUM IS A LADY TOO.
THAT MEANS THIS BATTLE WILL BE **LADY VERSUS LADY**!
IT MIGHT TURN OUT TO BE AN APPROPRIATE MATCH AFTER ALL.
We don't know anything about managing resources...


HMPH !!
THIS IS NO TIME TO THINK NEGA- TIVE!!
I'D BETTER OBSERVE LADY PLATI- NUM'S BATTLE CLOSELY !!
WHERE IS SHE?! WHERE IS SHE FIGHTING NOW?!
ARE YOU IN NEED OF GUIDANCE?
WHOA !!
THE CHALLENGER, PLATINUM, IS BEFORE THIS VENUE'S FRONTIER BRAIN ALREADY.
WHAT ?!!
SHE FACES THE FRONTIER BRAIN ON THE TWENTY- FIRST BATTLE...
AND SINCE EACH SET CONSISTS OF SEVEN BATTLES ...
SET 3 BATTLE 7

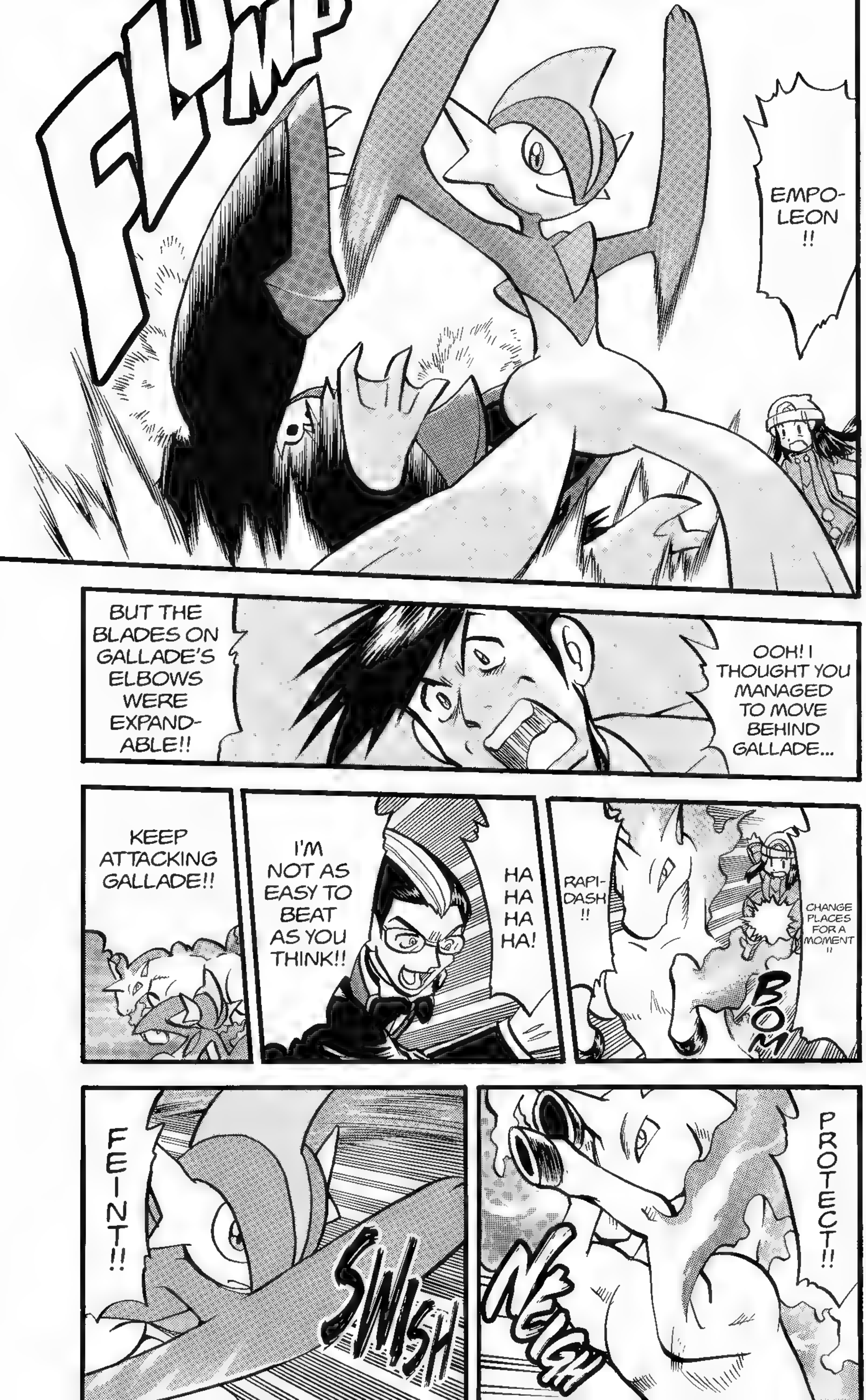

HUH ...?
WAIT ...
...CAITLIN IS ON THE BATTLE-FIELD!
THIS IS THE BATTLE AGAINST THE FRONTIER BRAIN!! THAT MEANS...
WHY NOT ?!
AND IF NOT HER... WHO IS THE FRONTIER BRAIN THAT LADY PLATINUM IS FACING?!
SHE ISN'T STANDING ON THE BATTLE-FIELD.
YOUR TWENTY-FIRST BATTLE ...
TOP
SHALL WE BEGIN ...?


...IN THE BATTLE CASTLE!
I, DARACH ...
...AM YOUR OPPONENT !!
WHAT?!
THE FRONTIER BRAIN ISN'T THE CHÂTELAINE AT ALL— IT'S HER VALET ?!
CORRECT.
LADY CAITLIN IS IN CHARGE, BUT I AM THE FRONTIER BRAIN—THE CASTLE VALET.


BATTLE START !!
LET'S BEGIN !!
HA HA!!
BOM
PSYCHO CUT!!
ROAAR
JUMP
GRAB
THAT'S RIGHT, EMPO-LEON!
DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU COULD STOP THIS ATTACK WITH THAT...?
GALLADE!!
NGH NGH


SLASH
GALLADE'S BLADE IS EXPANDABLE!! IT CAN STRETCH OUT **FOREVER**!!
FWOMP
ZOOP
I CAN'T LOSE IN FRONT OF MILADY!!
I SHALL WIN THIS BATTLE, WHAT-EVER IT TAKES!!
WATCH ME, LADY CAITLIN!!


Pokémon Adventures
Adventure 83
Getting the Drop on Gallade II


FLUMP
EMPO-LEON!!
OOH! I THOUGHT YOU MANAGED TO MOVE BEHIND GALLADE...
BUT THE BLADES ON GALLADE'S ELBOWS WERE EXPAND-ABLE!!
RAPI-DASH!!
CHANGE PLACES FOR A MOMENT!!
BOM
HA HA HA HA!
I'M NOT AS EASY TO BEAT AS YOU THINK!!
KEEP ATTACKING GALLADE!!
PROTECT!!
NEIGH
SWISH
FEINT!!



Platinum's Pokémon

Empoleon (Empoleon, ♀)	Rapidash (Rapidash, ♂)	Lopunny (Lopunny, ♀)
Serious. A little quick tempered. Eats anything.	Modest. Often lost in thought. Favorite flavor is bitter.	Mild. Alert to sounds. Favorite flavor is bitter.
•Type: Water / Steel •Ability: Torrent	•Type: Fire •Ability: Flash Fire	•Type: Normal •Ability: Cute Charm


KA-THUD
SNIK
SNIK
UNABLE TO BATTLE.
THAT'S ONE DOWN... AND I SUPPOSE I'LL ONLY NEED ANOTHER MINUTE AND A HALF OR SO TO KNOCK OUT YOUR OTHER POKÉMON.
PROTECT AND DETECT HAS NO EFFECT UPON FEINT.
YOU MUST HAVE USED PROTECT SO YOUR RAPIDASH WOULDN'T RECEIVE ANY POWERFUL ATTACKS... BUT TOO BAD FOR YOU!
I CAN ANSWER YOUR QUESTION.
POINT
WHY IS THE VALET THE FRONTIER BRAIN ...
I STILL DON'T GET IT!!
...AND NOT THE CHÂTELAINE?!
HE'S STRONG!!
DEFINITELY A FRONTIER BRAIN!!
BUT...



MY MISTRESS, LADY CAITLIN, HAS INCREDIBLE POKÉMON BATTLE SKILLS.
BUT FOR CERTAIN REASONS, SHE ISN'T ALLOWED TO FIGHT.
THAT'S WHY I STAND IN FOR HER IN BATTLE.
NOW THEN ...
TIME FOR ME TO CALL OUT MY SECOND AND THIRD POKÉMON.
SHOULD I USE STARAPTOR OR HOUNDOOM...? HM...
AHA HAHA HA!
HEH HEH...
BOOM
HOUNDOOM !!
LOPUNNY !!
BOOM
TUK
TUK
TUK
TUK



I HAD BETTER ATTACK ITS WEAK POINT!!
FOCUS BLAST !!
FOOM
NICE MOVE. FOCUS BLAST IS A FIGHTING-TYPE MOVE, WHICH IS A DARK-TYPE POKÉMON'S WEAKNESS.
BUT ...
TINK
TIME TO RETALIATE, HOUN-DOOM!!
GASP
FIRE FANG !!
GASP
A FOCUS SASH!!
EXACTLY!
AN ITEM WHICH PROTECTS A POKÉ-MON FROM FAINTING WHEN HIT BY A KNOCK-OUT MOVE!!



KRNCH
BOM
YOU'VE SWITCHED TO EMPO-LEON AGAIN.
SPLOOSH
HYDRO PUMP !!
UNABLE TO BAT-TLE.
EXCELLENT!!


BOM
STARAPTOR!!
DARACH'S THIRD POKÉMON!!
BUT...
... EMPOLEON'S ICE MOVES HAVE AN ADVANTAGE OVER IT!!
BLIZZARD!!
FWOOSH
IT'S DOUBLE TEAM! YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO HIT ME **THAT** EASILY!!
EVEN IF YOU MANAGE TO GRAZE IT...
...IT CAN HEAL ITSELF WITH ROOST !!
ALL RIGHT, BUT ...



...I'LL GIVE IT A TRY!!
SNK
AND I'LL TRY!!
AND TRY AGAIN!!
GASP
GASP
UNABLE TO BATTLE.
YOU MANAGED TO HOLD OUT!! ONE MORE TO GO!!
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU REALLY WANT TO...
...DRAG MY LAST POKÉ-MON OUT INTO THE FRAY!!
HAR HAR!!
BOM
BOM


RELAX, PLATINUM!!
THAT'S **HIS** LAST POKÉMON, BUT YOU STILL HAVE TWO LEFT!!
YOU OUTNUMBER HIM!!
KLNK KLNK
SHE HAS TWO LEFT, YES, BUT THEY'RE BOTH OUT OF BREATH AND WEAK!!
AND MY GALLADE IS PRETTY MUCH UNDAMAGED!!
NUMBERS ARE OF NO IMPORTANCE HERE!!
NIGHT SLASH!!
SLASH
HE'S...
...STRONG!!


...GET WHAT WE CAME HERE FOR!!
YOU HAVE TO WIN. IT'S THE ONLY WAY FOR US TO...
ON THE OTHER HAND, IF YOU WIN, WE GET TO TALK WITH THE FRONTIER BRAIN!
AND THAT MEANS WE'LL LOSE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GATHER INFORMATION FROM DARACH AND CAITLIN!!
IF YOU GIVE UP OR LOSE, WE'LL GET THROWN OUT OF HERE!!
YOU MUSTN'T GIVE UP, PLATINUM!!
HUF
HUF
HMM?
PLINK...
UGGH
FSSH
FSSH
FSSH



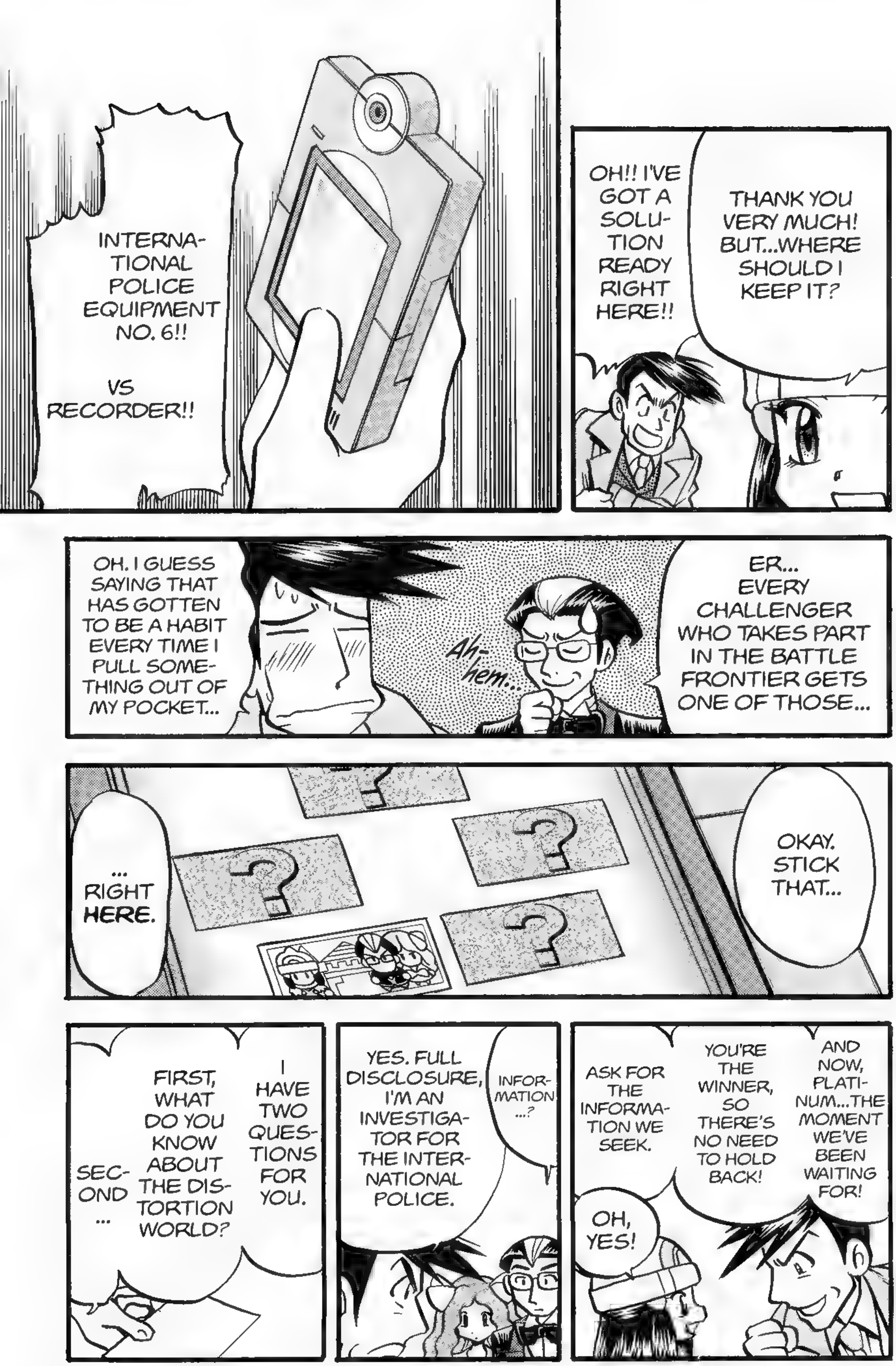
KERFLUMP
YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE ENOUGH STRENGTH TO PUNCH ANY-MORE!!
HA HA HA HA HA !!
BOOM
SLASH
THE ONLY ONE LEFT IS YOUR GOOD-AS-FINISHED EMPOLEON !!
THE END RESULT IS A FOREGONE CONCLUSION !!
GALLADE... FINISH EMPOLEON OFF!!
SHF SHF
STAB


HEY !!
NOW'S YOUR CHANCE, EMPOLEON !!
OH!
WHAT ?!
DRILL PECK !!
BZZBZZBZZ


AAAAARGH!!
UNABLE TO BATTLE.
CHALLENGER WINS.
I WON!
WELL DONE, PLATINUM!!
SLUMP
UM... SO WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENED AT THE END THERE?
LOPUNNY'S ABILITY IS...
...CUTE CHARM, RIGHT?
GALLADE ATTACKED LOPUNNY WITH NIGHT SLASH—WHICH IS A DIRECT ATTACK—SO THE MOMENT IT TOUCHED LOPUNNY'S BODY IT GOT INFATUATED.
IN OTHER WORDS, GALLADE HAD FEELINGS THAT MADE IT HARD FOR IT TO ATTACK LOPUNNY.
I GUESS THERE'S NO WAY THAT COULD BE HELPED...
...BUT IT WAS ENTIRELY DARACH'S MISTAKE TO LEAVE AN OPENING FOR LOPUNNY TO ATTACK WITH DIZZY PUNCH, WHICH CAUSES CONFUSE.
CONFUSE! OF COURSE!
THAT'S WHY GALLADE ATTACKED ITSELF!!
AND IT WAS ALL THANKS TO YOU, LOOKER!
I FOLLOWED YOUR ADVICE AND USED MY CP TO GATHER ALL THE INFORMATION I COULD!
OH MY!!



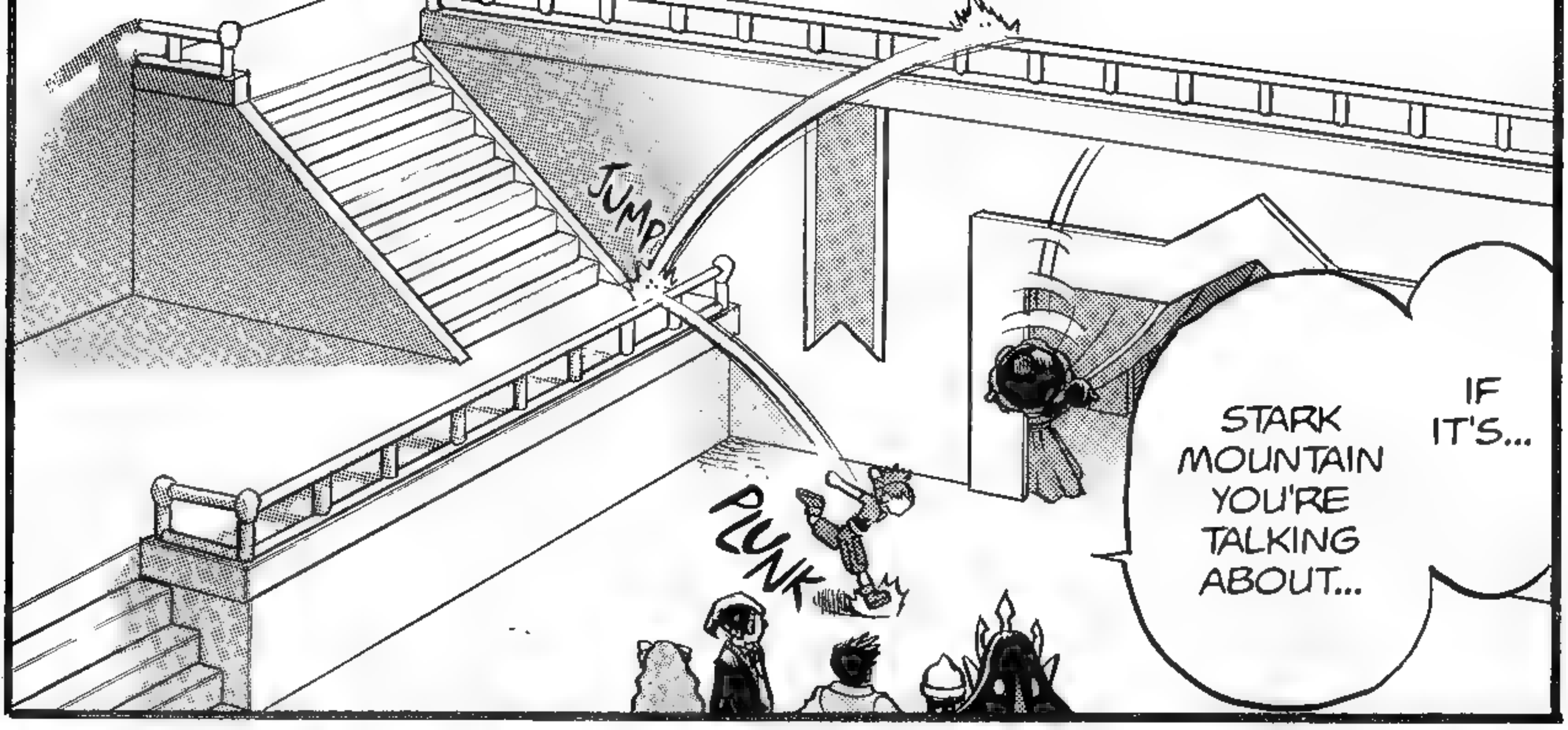
I'M SLOWLY FIGURING OUT HOW TO MANAGE MY CP... ONCE I DECIDED TO BORROW ITEMS AND SET A GOAL IT GOT EASIER.
MANAGING RESOURCES IS FUN!!
270CP !!
I BORROWED AN ITEM TOO.
FOCUS SASH— EVEN THOUGH I HAD TO USE MORE THAN 270CP FOR IT!
IF YOU KNOW THE ENEMY AND KNOW YOURSELF, YOU NEED NOT FEAR A HUNDRED BATTLES !!
AND NOW TO RECOGNIZE YOUR GREAT SKILL WE PRESENT YOU WITH...
YOU LOST BECAUSE YOU UNDERESTIMATED YOUR OPPONENT. YOU ASSUMED SHE WOULDN'T LEARN HOW TO MANAGE HER CP. LET THIS BE A LESSON TO YOU.
I'M SO ASHAMED.
I LOST... AND IN FRONT OF LADY CAITLIN TOO...
I AM DEFEATED.
HMPH.
...A COMMEMORATIVE PRINT.
AS PROOF OF YOUR VICTORIES AT EACH OF THE BATTLE FRONTIER FACILITIES.
ALL THE TRAINERS WHO DEFEAT THE FRONTIER BRAIN COLLECT THEM.
A... COMMEMORATIVE PRINT?
THAT'S RIGHT.


THANK YOU VERY MUCH! BUT...WHERE SHOULD I KEEP IT?
OH!! I'VE GOT A SOLUTION READY RIGHT HERE!!
INTERNATIONAL POLICE EQUIPMENT NO. 6!!
VS RECORDER!!
ER... EVERY CHALLENGER WHO TAKES PART IN THE BATTLE FRONTIER GETS ONE OF THOSE...
Ah-hem...
OH. I GUESS SAYING THAT HAS GOTTEN TO BE A HABIT EVERY TIME I PULL SOMETHING OUT OF MY POCKET...
OKAY. STICK THAT...
...RIGHT HERE.
AND NOW, PLATINUM...THE MOMENT WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!
YOU'RE THE WINNER, SO THERE'S NO NEED TO HOLD BACK!
ASK FOR THE INFORMATION WE SEEK.
OH, YES!
INFORMATION...?
YES. FULL DISCLOSURE, I'M AN INVESTIGATOR FOR THE INTERNATIONAL POLICE.
I HAVE TWO QUESTIONS FOR YOU.
FIRST, WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE DISTORTION WORLD?
SECOND...


WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT TEAM GALACTIC?
WE KNOW THEY'RE BAD PEOPLE AND THEY MIGHT BE HIDING OUT HERE AT THE BATTLE ZONE.
WE'D LIKE TO KNOW MORE!
HM... I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE DISTORTION WORLD. BUT I **DO** KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THIS GROUP...
YOU DO?!
YES. THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS OF SIGHTINGS OF THESE PEOPLE AROUND HERE RECENTLY.
I THINK IT WAS... NEAR STARK MOUN-TAIN...
STEP
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!!
IF IT'S INTEL ON THAT MOUNTAIN YOU'RE LOOKING FOR...
...I'VE GOT PLENTY FOR YOU!!
AHA HA HA!



Adventure 84
Clobbering Claydol


JUMP
PLUNK
IF IT'S...
STARK MOUNTAIN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT...


...THEN YOU'RE ...
...TALKING ABOUT HEATRAN, AREN'T YOU?
I'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT!
HEH HEH ...

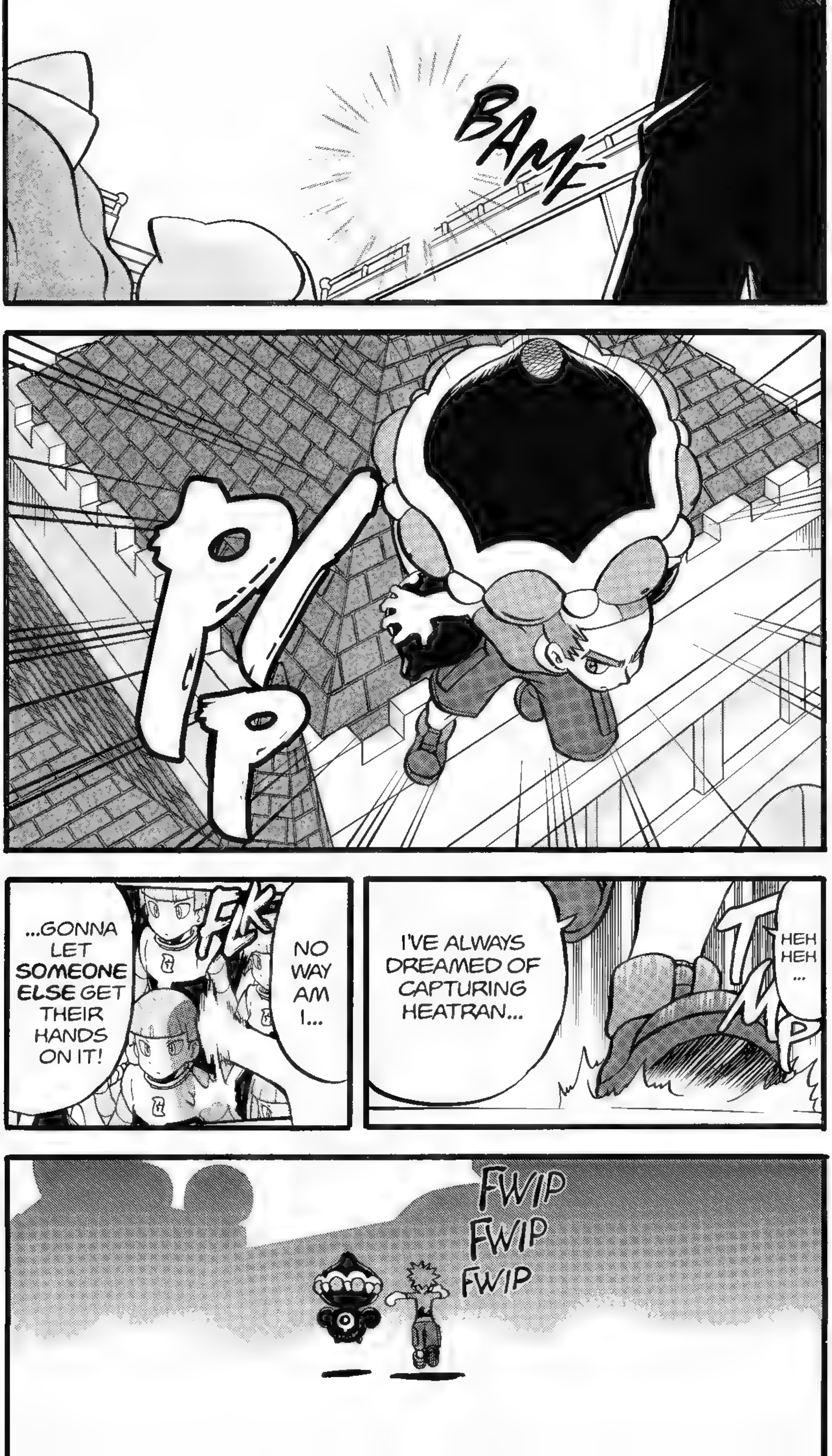

STARK MOUNTAIN ...? HEATRAN ...? WHA...?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
AND WHO ARE YOU ANYWAY?
THE NAME'S BUCK!
WELL?
DON'T YOU REMEMBER ME?! DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE FORGOTTEN ALREADY!
HUH?
HM...
AGH!!
THE GUY FROM THE BATTLEGROUND?!
LOOKER, DO YOU KNOW THIS YOUNG MAN?
OH YEAH!
YOU BEAT THE FRONTIER BRAIN JUST NOW, DIDN'T YOU?
HOW MANY COMMEMORATIVE PRINTS HAVE YOU GOT?
HMM, JUST ONE!
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
GRAB


OH ...?
PLATINUM BERLITZ.
MY NAME IS PLATINUM ...
EXCUSE ME...
UM...
YOU HAND THAT BACK THIS MINUTE! I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU ANYTHING!!
GRAB
YESTERDAY, HE SNUCK INTO THE BATTLE-GROUND—WHICH I'M IN CHARGE OF!
AND WHEN I QUES-TIONED HIM, HE RAN OFF.
HEY!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, BUCK?
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS, DARACH? I CAME TO TALK TO THIS MAN!
HEY! LET GO OF ME!
AND THEN I OVERHEARD YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT STARK MOUNTAIN.
SO I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF.
I SPENT THE WHOLE DAY LOOKING FOR HIM—AND NOW I'VE FINALLY FOUND HIM!
HM


DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THESE PEOPLE, BUCK? THE ONES SEEN HANGING AROUND STARK MOUNTAIN?
YEAH. I'VE DONE SOME RESEARCH ON THEM MYSELF.
THEY'RE A REALLY BIG GROUP. AND THEY'RE CRAWLING ALL OVER THAT MOUNTAIN!
WHICH MEANS ...
...THEY MUST BE AFTER SOMETHING BIG INSIDE THE MOUNTAIN.
INSIDE... THE MOUN-TAIN?
TO PUT IT SIMPLY— IT'S A CAVE.
STARK MOUNTAIN IS A VOLCANO.
IT'S RIDDLED WITH MAZE-LIKE CAVES.
AND IT'S SAID THAT THE LORD OF STARK MOUNTAIN LIVES IN THE BOTTOMMOST CAVE.
I'M THINKING THOSE PEOPLE ARE AFTER THE POKÉMON HEATRAN!


IT'S A SUPER POWERFUL POKÉMON— THE LAVA DOME POKÉMON.
ACCORDING TO LEGEND, HEATRAN'S MAGMA STORM TRAPS ITS ENEMY INSIDE A FIRESTORM!
I SEE.
I GET IT.
THANK YOU FOR THIS VALUABLE INFORMATION.
I'LL TAKE OVER FROM HERE. NOW GUIDE ME TO STARK MOUNTAIN, PRONTO!
NO WAY!
WHAT ?!
I DON'T MIND GIVING YOU INFO OR TELLING YOU ABOUT IT...
... BUT ...
...I DON'T WANT YOU SNOOPIN' AROUND MY TERRITORY!!
I'LL TAKE THAT PHOTO, THANK YOU!!
GRAB

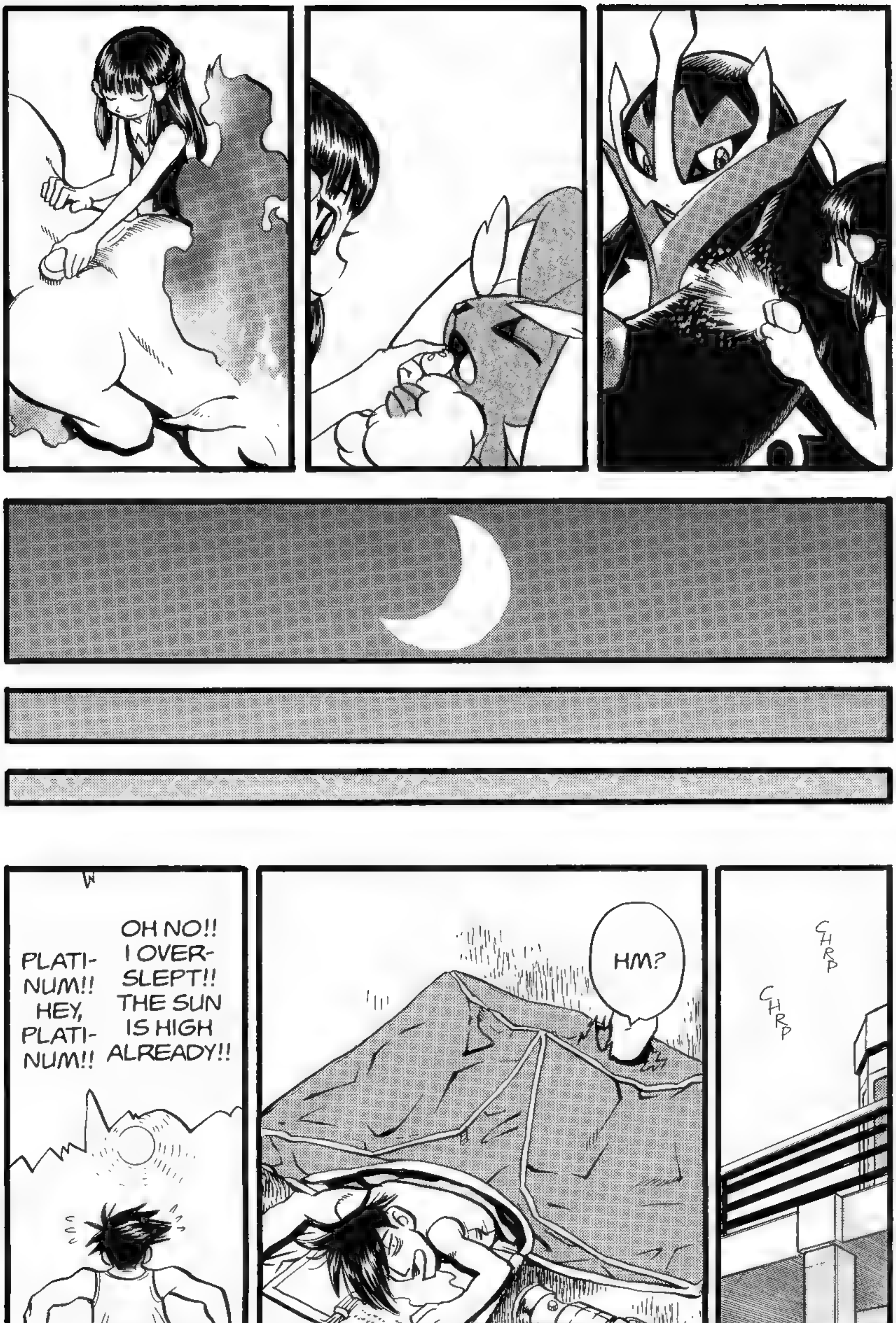

I'M GONNA ...
...TAKE CARE OF THESE GUYS MYSELF!!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ?!
I'M AN INTERNATIONAL POLICE OFFICER !!
ALL THE MORE REASON FOR ME TO HANDLE THIS.
I DON'T LIKE COPS. THEY'RE SO FULL OF THEMSELVES!
DOINK
KRASH
SEE YA!
TELEPORT!!


BAM
PIP
FLK
NO WAY AM I...
...GONNA LET SOMEONE ELSE GET THEIR HANDS ON IT!
TMP
HEH HEH ...
I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF CAPTURING HEATRAN...
FWIP
FWIP
FWIP


HMM ...
IT WAS SUCH A TRIUMPH FOR YOU TO EMERGE VICTORIOUS FROM BATTLE CASTLE!
AND NOW BUCK HAS KIND OF RAINED ON YOUR PARADE...
YES, WELL ...
HMPH. WHAT A BRAT!
IT SEEMED LIKE HE KNEW DARACH, DIDN'T IT...?
COME TO THINK OF IT, THE FIRST DAY I MET HIM...
...HE TOLD ME HE WAS THE YOUNGER SIBLING OF ONE OF THE ELITE FOUR.
MY BIG BROTHER IS ONE OF THE ELITE FOUR, YOU KNOW!! DON'T MAKE ME GO AND CALL HIM!
A LITTLE BROTHER... OF THE ELITE FOUR...
THE FRONTIER BRAINS...
THE GYM LEADERS...
MAYBE THERE'S A LINK, SOME SORT OF CONNECTION, BETWEEN ALL THOSE SKILLED TRAINERS...


WE HAVE TO KEEP OUR FOCUS ON THE ENEMY!!
ESPECIALLY IF THEY'RE MAKING THEIR MOVE...
...AS A COOR-DINATED TEAM... WITH THEIR COOR-DINATED HIP HAIR-STYLES AND UNI-FORMS...
UH... YES.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW, LOOKER?
ABOUT TEAM GALACTIC, I MEAN.
THAT'S A DIFFICULT QUES-TION, PLATINUM...
I MANAGED TO GET SOME INTEL ABOUT TEAM GALACTIC.
BUT UNFOR-TUNATE-LY...
WE DIDN'T GET ANY INTEL ABOUT THE DISTORTION WORLD.
DO YOU WANT TO CONTINUE TAKING ON THE BATTLE CHALLENGES SO AS TO GATHER MORE INFORMATION FROM OTHER FRONTIER BRAINS?
YES!
THEN WE'D BETTER CONCENTRATE ON THAT FOR THE TIME BEING...
FWMP


I GOT AHOLD OF A MAP SO I KNOW WHERE STARK MOUNTAIN IS.
IT WON'T BE A PROBLEM FOR ME TO GET THERE.
BUT I'M WORRIED I'LL END UP IN A FIGHT WITH THAT BRAT...
AND IT WOULD BE TOO DANGEROUS FOR ME TO COME FACE TO FACE WITH TEAM GALACTIC ALL BY MYSELF.
WELL, FOR NOW, LET'S CALL IT A DAY...
I'LL SHOW YOU TO THE GUESTROOM...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME.
YOU'D BETTER GET SOME REST TO PREPARE FOR TOMORROW!
GOOD NIGHT!
INTERNATIONAL POLICE EQUIPMENT NO. 7!!
HYPER COMPACT ONE-TOUCH TENT!!
POP
NOW THEN, TIME TO WRITE MY REPORT...


CHRP
CHRP
HM?
OH NO!! I OVER-SLEPT!! THE SUN IS HIGH ALREADY!!
PLATI-NUM!! HEY, PLATI-NUM!!


SHE MUST HAVE LEFT ALREADY!! WHY DIDN'T SHE WAKE ME UP?!
FWOOOSH
HM...
THEN ...
IS SHE STILL ASLEEP? NO...
DOOOSH
POP
WHOA !!
KWOOMP
FOUND HER!!
HUH ?!
VOOP
AROUND AND AROUND IT GOES!
AROUND AND AROUND IT GOES!
CRASH



THE WHEEL IS SPINNING!!
AROUND AND AROUND IT GOES!
BATTLE ARCADE!
AROUND AND AROUND IT GOES!
I HEARD THIS DELIGHTFUL SONG WHEN I WOKE UP, SO I...
I'M SORRY, LOOKER!
AH!!
PLATINUM?
AROUND AND AROUND IT GOES!
HM...
AROUND AND AROUND IT GOES!
YOU LIKE PLAYING ROULETTE AND WHAT-NOT?
YES, I DO.
AROUND AND AROUND IT GOES!
SONG...? YOU MEAN... THAT CARNIVAL BARKER'S CHANT?
WHY, YES...
WELL, FROM THE LOOK OF THINGS...
...THE SECOND CHALLENGE YOU'RE GOING FOR IS...


...THIS ONE...
...THE BATTLE ARCADE!!
WE GOT IN? JUST LIKE THAT? WITHOUT WAITING?
THIS SURE IS DIFFERENT FROM THE BATTLE CASTLE! WE HAD TO WAIT IN LINE FOR AGES THERE.
STEP RIGHT UP, STEP RIGHT UP! IF YOU'RE A CHALLENGER, PLEASE GO RIGHT INSIDE!!
THEY EVEN NEED A BARKER TO LURE IN CHALLENGERS...
THAT MUST MEAN THIS CHALLENGE IS VERY UNPOPU-LAR.
WRONG.
WHOA!!


YOU AGAIN!
THE REASON THERE AREN'T ANY CHALLENGERS HERE IS NOT BECAUSE THIS FACILITY IS UNPOPULAR.
IT IS BECAUSE ...
...THIS CHAL-LENGE IS VERY DIFFI-CULT.
DEFEATING THE ARCADE STAR...
...IS VERY, VERY, VERY DIFFICULT.
ROUTE 227
HUF.
HUF.
THE MOUN-TAIN SUR-FACE HERE IS ROUGH.
HUFHUF
BUT I CAN'T GET TO STARK MOUNTAIN IF I DON'T CROSS THIS TERRAIN SOME-HOW...
GASP.
C'MON, LET'S GO!!


VERY WELL ...
CONTINUE TO FOLLOW HIS MOVEMENTS.
HM... HM... I SEE...
A CHILD HAS BEEN STICKING HIS NOSE INTO OUR BUSINESS... AND HE'S HEADING HERE NOW?
THUD
RMBL RMBL
RMBL RMBL

Message from
Hidenori Kusaka



My current goal is to climb the stairs to the editorial floor whenever I drop by the offices of Shogakukan, our publisher. The editorial office is on the seventh floor, so I'm pretty much out of breath by the time I get there. It's a good thing it's on the seventh floor, since I probably wouldn't even attempt the climb if it was on the eighth. The number is just right. In fact, it's perfect! The other editorial office is on the sixth floor, which is a little easier...!

Message from
Satoshi Yamamoto

When we began the Diamond and Pearl/Platinum story arc, we decided not to give the main characters any superhuman qualities. Now the story is coming to an end. However, Platinum is super wealthy and Pearl has a special ability to predict a Pokémon's next move. It's always been a challenge for me to draw Dia as a main character since he's so...normal. I had a lot of difficulty with his facial expressions, his movements and even just drawing his lines. And now he's become my favorite character.


Adventure 85
Interrupting Ivysaur


3.
2.
1.
SPIN
... SPIN !!
ROU-LETTE WHEEL ...
DINK
DINK
DINK
DINK
DINK
DINK
KLK


THERE IT GOES!! THE EVENT FOR THIS BATTLE IS...
BOOMP
BLACK PANEL, BERRY MARK.
...THE BLACK FIELD!!
AND PLATINUM'S POKÉMON ...
...WILL RECEIVE A SITRUS BERRY BEFORE THE BATTLE BEGINS!!
FLOOP
FLOOP
FLOOP


THE VETRAN TRAINER IN THE RED FIELD IS BECK...
...AND ALL THREE OF HIS POKÉMON ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO BATTLE.
THEREFORE, PLATINUM BERLITZ, IN THE BLACK FIELD, WINS!!
WELL DONE!! YOUR OPPONENT WAS A VETERAN TRAINER, SO THERE WERE TIMES WHEN YOU WERE IN DANGER OF LOSING, BUT...
...I WAS ABLE TO HEAL MY POKÉMON SINCE I RECEIVED THOSE BERRIES.
IT'S ALL THANKS TO THE LUCK OF THE WHEEL!
ARE YOU GOING TO CON-TINUE? OR QUIT?
I'LL CON-TINUE!!
THE CHALLENGE CONTINUES!! NEXT CHALLENGER, COME OUT!!
LEONARDO, THE POKÉMON BREEDER !!


AND... STOP.
PUSH
DINK
DINK
DINK
DINK
SPIN
ROU-LETTE WHEEL ... SPIN!!
ROAR
THE PANEL HAS A SUNNY MARK.
THE BATTLE WILL TAKE PLACE IN SUNNY WEATHER!!
PLATI-NUM'S SECOND CHAL-LENGE IN THE BATTLE FRON-TIER...
...IS THE BATTLE ARCADE.


THERE ARE VARIOUS TYPES OF EVENTS.
A SPIN OF THE WHEEL DETERMINES THE LOCATION OF THE BATTLE AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES.
OR THE POKÉ-MON GET BERRIES ...
POKÉMON RECEIVE BERRIES
AND STATUS AIL-MENTS LIKE...
... POI-SON OR PARA-LYZE ...
POISONS OR PARALYZES THE POKÉMON
FOR EXAMPLE, A WEATHER PANEL ...
BATTLE IN RAINY WEATHER
PLATINUM BERLITZ WINS!!
YAY !!
FIRE BLAST !!


THAT'S FOURTEEN WINS IN A ROW!!
BUT WHAT'S ASTONISHING ISN'T THE NUMBER OF BATTLES SHE'S WON!
ROULETTE WHEEL... SPIN!!
THE MOST...
...SURPRISING THING OF ALL IS...
DINK DINK DINK
...HER ABILITY TO PLAY THAT ROULETTE WHEEL!!
IT SEEMS SHE'S ABLE TO FIGURE OUT THE TIMING...
...TO STOP THE WHEEL AT THE PRECISE SPOT SHE WANTS!!
SHE ASSESSES WHICH PANEL IS TO HER ADVANTAGE AND WHICH PANEL IS TO HER OPPONENT'S DISADVANTAGE, PRESSES THE BUTTON, AND...
...GETS THAT VERY PANEL TO POP UP!!
PUSH


CHHCHH CHH
BOMP
8
THIS BATTLE WILL TAKE PLACE IN A HAIL-STORM !!
CHHH CHHH
AS LONG AS SHE CONTINUES TO WIN, SHE GETS TO DECIDE WHEN TO STOP THE ROULETTE.
AT THIS RATE ...!!
CHHH CHH
SHE TOLD ME SHE ENJOYED THIS TYPE OF THING...
NO WONDER SHE GOT LURED IN TO THIS CHAL-LENGE SO QUICKLY BY THIS BARKER.
INTERNA
HEY! IS IT TRUE THAT WE'VE GOT AN AMAZINGLY TALENTED CHALLENGER TODAY?!
OOH!! SEVEN-TEEN WINS IN A ROW!!
QUE SERA, SERA.
LIFE IS LIKE A SPINNING ROULETTE WHEEL.
TIP
TIP


SHE'S ALMOST THERE!
I WILL ACCEPT AND FACE THE CHALLENGER FOR...
...THE TWENTY-FIRST BATTLE!
OOOH!! ARCADE STAR...
...DAHLIA!!
SHE MUST BE...
...THE FRONTIER BRAIN OF THIS VENUE!!
TRYING TO BEAT THE ARCADE STAR...
...IS VERY, VERY, VERY DIFFI-CULT!!
SHE IS A FORMI-DABLE OPPO-NENT.
WHICH MEANS...
...THERE'S A GOOD POSSIBILITY SHE MIGHT KNOW SOMETHING OF USE TO ME...
...ABOUT THE DIS-TORTION WORLD!


THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY WE'LL GET TO TALK WITH HER IS WHEN I WIN AND RECEIVE THE COMMEMO-RATIVE PRINT!
SO WE **HAVE** TO WIN THIS BATTLE— NO MATTER WHAT!
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, RAPI-DASH ?!
LOP-UNNY ?!
EMPO-LEON ?!
HERE WE ARE...
RMBL RMBL RMBL
THE ENTRANCE TO THE TUNNEL THAT LEADS INTO THE CAVES OF STARK MOUNTAIN!
I'VE PLAYED HERE SINCE I WAS A KID...
...BUT I'VE NEVER COME **THIS** FAR.
I MIGHT NOT GET CELL PHONE RECEPTION INSIDE THE CAVE...
...SO I'D BETTER CALL HIM NOW!
RING RING


FLINT SPEAKING.
IT'S ME—BUCK!!
HEY, BUCK! I WAS JUST THINKING OF CALLING YOU!
FROM THE SOUND OF THINGS, YOU'RE AT THE MOUNTAIN, AREN'T YOU?
BINGO!!
YOU'VE BEEN TALKING SO MUCH ABOUT IT, I DECIDED TO INVESTIGATE THAT MOUNTAIN MYSELF.
I FOUND OUT THERE'S SOME KIND OF TREASURE INSIDE IT—JUST THE KIND OF THING THOSE BAD GUYS WOULD BE AFTER.
TREASURE?!
THAT'S RIGHT! IT'S CALLED...
...THE MAGMA STONE.
APPARENTLY, IT'S A STONE THAT CONTAINS INCREDIBLE POWER. IT'S LOCATED IN THE INNERMOST AREA OF THE VOLCANO.
THOSE GUYS IN THE FANCY UNIFORMS YOU SAW ARE...
KLK
HUH?
HELLO? HELLO-O-O-?
RMBL


I GUESS I'M OUT OF RANGE? THE CONNECTION BROKE...
HMM, A TREASURE...
MAYBE I WAS WRONG...
I WAS SURE THOSE BAD GUYS WERE AFTER HEATRAN...
BUT MAYBE THEY'RE AFTER THAT TREASURE INSTEAD!
WELL...
...THE QUICKEST WAY TO FIND OUT IS TO JUST...
...ASK THEM IN PERSON.
I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN FOLLOWING ME!!
COME OUT!
HM...
YOU WANNA PIECE OF ME?! HUH?!
CLAYDOL, SANDSTORM!!
WOOOSH


BOING
NOW TELL ME!!
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS AFTER ?!
AND WHY ARE YOU TAILING ME?!
SMAK
WHY WON'T YOU ...
... SAY SOME-THING ?!
SMAK


HUF
HUF
TCH!
I'M GETTING NOWHERE FAST.
CLAYDOL, WE'RE GONNA KEEP GOING NONSTOP UNTIL WE GET THAT TREASURE!
IF THEY'RE AFTER THIS MAGMA STONE...
...WE NEED TO GET TO IT AND PROTECT IT BEFORE THEY CAN GET THEIR GRUBBY PAWS ON IT!
GO !!
FWIP


...TO FIND THE WAY THERE !!
USE YOUR POWER ...
WHAT'S THE MAT- TER ...?
HA! I'VE LOST THEM!
LOOK, WE'VE FOUND IT!
THE MAGMA STONE!
TO BE CONTINUED...